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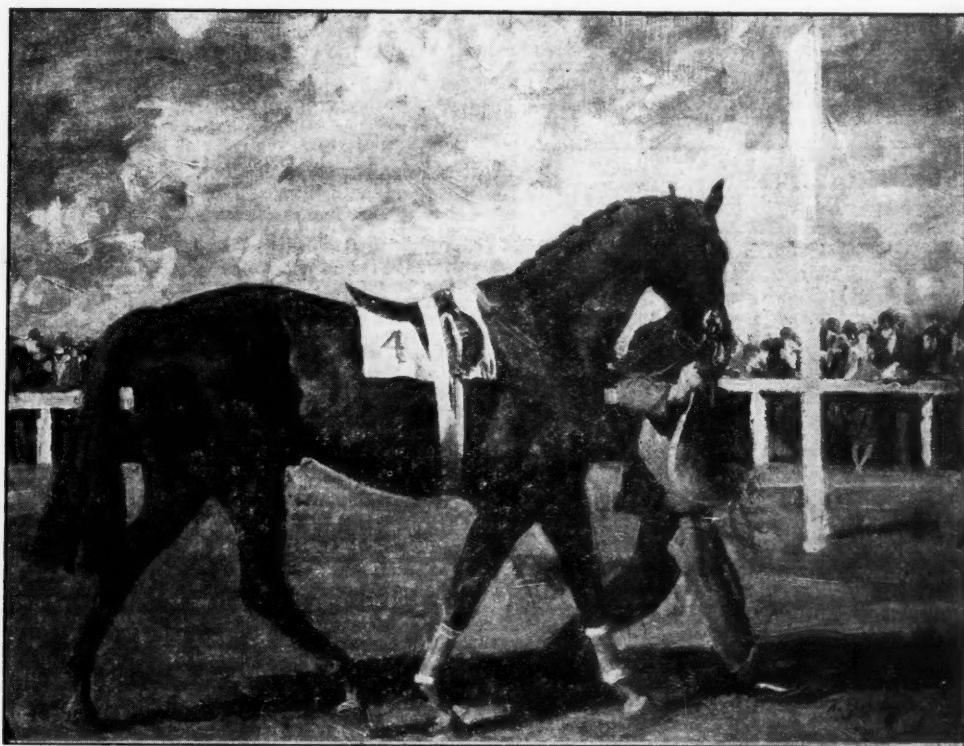
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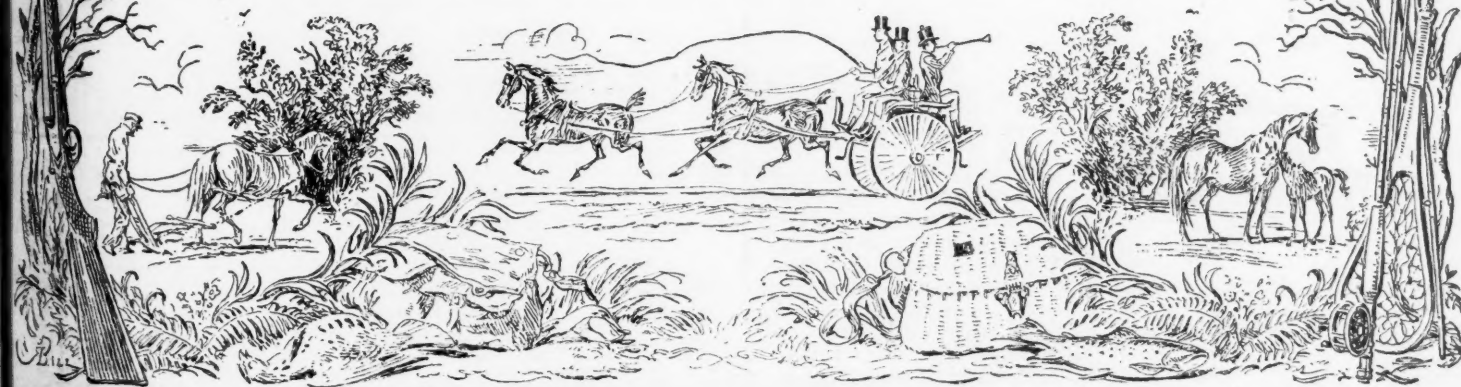
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## WHERE ARE THE RIDERS?

It is always easy to lend the past or the future an enchantment which the present does not seem to hold and in reminiscing of the good old days of racing, the names of men stand out by the score. Forty years ago, twenty years ago, even ten years ago, there were apparently plenty of riders for jumping horses, particularly amateur timber races at the hunt meetings. It was as though in those glorified days there was a particular appetite for racing—which does not suit the stomachs of the majority of young horsemen today. Perhaps it is only the glory of another day, but the fact remains, but twenty years ago it was easy to count 50 men available to race over timber. Ten years ago there were 18 amateurs riding in the Raymond Belmont Memorial at Middleburg over timber. Now, looking over the field of candidates to ride in the coming hunt meetings, one will be fortunate to count 8 timber boys.

The reason for this decline in interest can be laid easily enough on the general economic doorstep of high taxes and the necessity for young men to work for a living rather than ride for pleasure. That is not wholly the case. Of 50 men riding 20 years ago, there were those going to college; there were those in offices, and there were those working on farms with horses of wealthy men. The same situation exists today. Granted there are fewer wealthy men who can afford to let their sons do nothing but ride timber races, but in actual practice in the good old days of song and story there were not too many indulgent fathers who wanted to have their sons do nothing but ride races, whether they could afford it or not.

The reason for the decline in jumping riders is not entirely economic. Instead it probably lies somewhere between a broader variety of interests, the need for men to spend time making dollars and an unaccountable but apparently existent distaste for the thrill of riding over jumps. It is not alone in the timber ranks that there is a dearth of riders. It is just as true on the big tracks over jumps where trainers are scratching their heads and searching for boys who financially could do very well as successful riders, at least far better than their predecessors of 20 years ago. No, lack of riders is not entirely an economic question.

One thing is sure, something should be done about it for without riders, the best horses are not going to win races. Good horses make good riders is true enough, but good horses still cannot do it alone. The field is being combed now by the hunts committee of Messrs. R. K. Mellon and Ambrose Clark. Certain hunt meeting organizations themselves, along with the hunts committee, are always trying to interest new riders by organizing heavyweight races. Francis Greene has given this much thought this year along with others on the Deep Run Committee who have announced a race for heavy-weight riders at 185 pounds. So has Fife Symington and those on the Little Grand National who are working on their foxhunters race in Maryland, hoping to interest new riders by inviting other hunts around the country to participate.

Perhaps new riders will come from the mid-west which is developing a series of at least 4 meetings, but there is still no organized school to train amateurs in the art of racing over fences and, except for the McDonogh School in Maryland, there is no school or organization anywhere in this country which arranges a race for juniors.

This is too bad as youth could get an early knowledge and taste for riding races from junior races which might carry them on into the hunt meetings later. Perhaps this is the province of the hunt meetings themselves who might arrange pony races on their schedules over an abbreviated course.

The hunting field is not producing the required number of riders. There is coming from the hunting field, however, a growing desire to have more hunter trials. Point-to-points are in a comparatively healthy state, with a number of hunts sponsoring them. But there are not enough of these, nor even many men anxious to ride in the ones there are although they are in truth the real preparatory ground for jumping riders. This whole question requires more thought than it is receiving from those with hunt meetings at heart for the development and encouragement of new young riders should be a first prerequisite on the program of every hunt meeting committee.

## Letters To The Editor

## One Man's Opinion

Dear Sir:

What qualifications should one have to make a good rider?

Well, in my humble opinion, love for a horse is important. This, of course, is not essential. However, we find later on as we advance to greater achievement, that love, like in everything, is the quality that binds.

Personally, I believe riders are born, not made; this love is their expression, whether it be riding or caring for their wonderful friends. Like so many other good things that God has entrusted to man, there is a lack of understanding. True, there are people who are brutally cruel to horses, although this percentage is very low when compared to them any number of other ways in which man fails through ignorance, impatience, and wrong application.

But getting back to the riders, from my experience and observation over a number of years, the rider is recognized as a little above the Tack, and considerably below the Horse. It has been said there is some good to be found in all things. Perhaps this is well for the rider. It keeps him from becoming too important. The result of which we have seen so much, to our sorrow. It is good for him in the long run; it increases his courage in a somewhat dangerous profession, as well as keeps him alert, critical, and even sympathetic. Keeps him "toes up, heels down," so to speak.

So this rough shod recognition, even though it is very painful at times, is proof of advancement, as nothing is born without pain. But somehow these wounds are quickly healed by this love and faith man and horse have in each other. This is just like eating, no one can experience this for you. You must get this realization for yourself. And when you have this, you have your reward. This wonderful reward is given only to those who have undergone long preparation to receive it.

There are a great many people who talk Horse and Riders quite fluently and intelligently, so much so they not only deceive others but themselves as well. The one displaying the best form is not always the

best rider. Public opinion doesn't hold good here. The general public knows little or nothing of horses or their temperaments, which in some cases are as different as the two poles. If all riders could have some degree of understanding of their horses and would apply it with horse sense, they would find there are still many wonderful things we have yet to learn. We can't expect to do all riding and the bending of their wills to ours without some serious consideration of their true nature. No one set of rules or pocketbook routine will produce the best results for either.

Horses speak a language that strangers do not understand. They are either full of Hell, or they are just wonderful. No artificial stuff, or deceit, and they give their all to all. The horse is one of God's greatest creations.

Pappy Mills

R. D. 2  
Malvern, Pa.

## Starting Point

Dear Sir:

You should be congratulated on Mr. Crane's article concerning Olympic jumping. While the whole article is provocative of thought in every phase of show activity, a most pertinent point, which it brings out, is the fact that we are now confronted with the possible passing of our military teams for Olympic contests, and that civilian riders must fill the gap. The sooner FEI rules, or their equivalent, become commonplace over here, the sooner we shall develop Olympic material, worthy to uphold our national traditions in sport.

It does not follow that because they are FEI rules that they are perfect. It is my thought that these rules should be looked upon as a starting point; primarily, because so many of their requirements are of such nature as to place a demand upon schooling for a purpose, to a very significant degree. Skill as a stunt is one thing, skill for a purpose is yet another. Both have their place in the show ring, but we should not mix them. When a class is de-

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signed as "working", let the conditions be such as to reveal adaptability to the accomplishment of the work in question, then let us give due and proper weight to brilliance in such work—not brilliance per se. There is a difference!

What we really have before us is the job of developing rules from the ground up. It is to be hoped that The Chronicle will follow through on Mr. Crane's article, and that other authorities will, through the medium of your valuable journal, lend their weight to the effort. Certainly, The Chronicle reaches the people who matter, and it has the weight of an authoritative publication in the field.

Sincerely yours

Frank E. Hartman

510 Ravine Manor Road  
Highland Park, Illinois.

## Fairness To Ox Ridge

Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago, there appeared in your paper a letter, signed by a Mr. Jackson, complaining about the Ox Ridge Horse Show on January third. I am more than surprised that no one has answered this letter so that the public might know just what kind of a show the Ox Ridge Club runs. I have been lucky enough to have seen their shows for a good many years and do not believe that there are any better run shows in this part of the country. They are one of the few shows I have seen where the management goes so far out of their way to try to keep everyone happy. The best proof of this is the number of people and exhibitors that turned out for this show with the weather conditions as bad as they were.

From Mr. Jackson's letter, anyone would know that he didn't know too much about the running of a horse show and surely nothing about the rules of the American Horse Show Association, under which rules their shows are run. He would also know that, according to their rules, an exhibitor is held responsible for his employees. In this case, therefore, should not the Association do something about the abuse given to the manager and his assistant, who was a lady, for no reason at all? I believe that the Association must have had people like these in mind when they made the new rule that all shows must have a show manager to handle such cases as this and report same to the Association. It is too bad that the Association would not do something in this matter because, the sooner this type of person is put out of the show game, the more regular people will start showing.

I would appreciate it very much if you would find space to print this letter, in all fairness to the Ox Ridge Show and its very capable managers.

Yours truly,

James W. O'Brien

94 Sprague Rd.  
Scarsdale, New York.

## Gathering Posies

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you very much for the great pleasure The Chronicle has given. Not only have the horses become good friends but your writers also. It was a great, great blow to lose Mr. Webb and Salvator. To meet such men face to face is not necessary in order to honor and love them for what they are and how they live.

When The Chronicle comes, it is like once more feeling a good, clean wind in the face; some funny ugly old nag who seems more beautiful than Pegasus under one; and with the certainty of soon hitting the ground, making one all the happier. Oh! I could go on and on but it would be unfair to you. But please know that without The Chronicle, life would be strange and much too much in the present. It is good to let the heart and mind see what the old days must have been; to ramble about in them with G. A. A. as a special guide—the crook that she is.

Your article, if it was yours, on riding and jumping in the snow, was better than poetry; its music did not embarrass one. Thank you again.

Your loyal reader,

J. F.

Berkeley, California.

## Koodoo's Sire

Dear Sir:

Although it is of no importance, may I take the privilege of calling your attention to an error on Page 10 of your February 6th issue? Under Breeders' Notes—Koodoo is by Court Day, who is by Fair Play out of Castanet, whereas Court Scandal is by \*Royal Minstrel out of the Colonel's Lady. The latter a year ago, I believe, was owned by John Dial of Goliad, Texas. At least that is where I last saw him.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Ireland  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Remount Service  
Washington, D. C.

## Check For Food

Dear Sir:

I was greatly surprised and pleased, a couple of weeks ago, to receive your check for the story I sent about the Chicago International show.

I hadn't realized you paid for stories and so had not expected any such pleasant manifestation.

Now my pleasure over the whole thing has been dashed by the fact that the check and letter have completely disappeared. I have my suspicions, to wit, that my 15-month son has eaten them. He eats paper, which can be a little disconcerting to everyone but him. He seems to thrive on it.

It is not a sum large enough to be too concerned about, but I am proud of the fact that it came from The Chronicle, so I thought I'd tell you about this catastrophe and if you

## One of Munnings Pictures In Best Art Exhibition

Alfred J. Munnings, President Of The Royal Academy, painted the picture on the cover this week. The picture was loaned us through the courtesy of E. J. Rousuck and is called "In The Saddling Paddock." Mr. Rousuck owns the painting that he recently purchased from England. He tells us that he wrote the artist asking the name of the horse. Back came the answer scribbled on his original letter, "The name is Munnings, what more do you want."

Undoubtedly one of the outstanding sporting artists of all time, this picture represents all the sweep and majesty of a great, and inspired artist coupled with the intimate knowledge of a horse which must forever appeal to every horseman. The stride of the horse in the paddock is so filled with strength and suppleness it practically breathes the qualification, "Fit Horse." The way the man at the horse's head is striding along, shows the tensed up feel of the horse which he is striving to keep up with as he walks him before his race. The cloud effects, so typical of the artist lend emphasis to the restless, nervous urge so well portrayed in the Thoroughbred.

This painting was one of those in Sir Alfred J. Munnings' exhibition in London in November of last year. This show created a furor. It was the most successful exhibit ever held by any living British painter of all time. The Illustrated London News says of it, "During the first week, Sir Alfred sold some pictures to the value of fifteen thousand pounds". After the first week every horse subject in the exhibition was sold out.

feel it isn't too much trouble to replace it, I would appreciate it.

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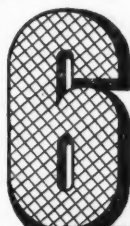
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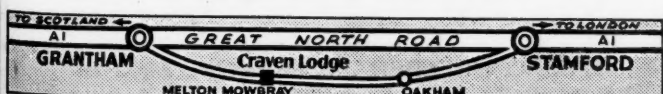
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Those interested in equitation realize our horsemanship in general is far below European standards, but conditions differ, something the self-styled expert fails to realize. Certainly, we have far too many undesirable riding schools and stables, unqualified instructors, plus managers who have no knowledge whatever of stable management, horses, or horsemanship. Nevertheless this is a condition hard to overcome as free enterprise is the rule in this country and anyone can establish a school or stable regardless of experience. We have a class of people who are looking for anything cheap, including sport, thus the cheap establishments continue their existence, which brings to mind the idea that someone said riding schools should be licensed. I recall some years ago the late Baretto De Souza, noted authority on equitation, tried to bring about legislation in New York State, whereby riding schools and stables must be licensed and all instructors must qualify in order to teach riding. Mr. De Souza tried to get the support of a former President of the American Horse Shows Association and other organizations interested in horsemanship, but the De Souza plan proved a failure. I believe it is a sound idea, yet it is a debatable question.

Because we have a great many riding instructors unqualified to teach horsemanship, certainly does not mean all are unfit to teach. As a matter of fact, we have many fine trainers and instructors associated with riding clubs, hunt clubs, school and college stables well qualified to teach horsemanship. The best "PROOF" of this statement is the fact we have many men and women who represent good horsemanship in the hunting field and show ring and I believe they are a credit to their instructors. We have those who believe the Cavalry School has developed a few hand-picked horsemen good enough to represent this country in International competition otherwise the school has produced officers who lack the ability to teach horsemanship, are unfit as instructors, but if this statement were true then the U. S. Cavalry School should have been disbanded years ago. The fact is, the school has developed many good riders and horses over a period of years, and many horsemen well qualified

to teach riding, except, perhaps, that they don't have the European trademark. There are many professional horsemen and women doing a fine job teaching horsemanship, plus sportsmanship, and all the short comings of American horsemanship should not be attributed to professional instructors. First we need to create an American standard and recognized methods, and then promote and stimulate interest in better horsemanship. Rather than blasts of criticism, let us have something basic to go on. Let's not consider it a crime that Americans at present or in the past have not shown an interest in Olympic horsemanship. Let's work for an American standard and then work out an educational program, whereby we Americans will learn to appreciate Olympic quality in horsemanship.

It seems regrettable that those who comment the most with their blasts of criticism fail to realize that the great majority of men, women and children throughout the entire country ride for pleasure and in this respect receive but a very limited amount of instruction, and many ride that have never had a lesson in horsemanship. The second largest group desire and receive but a limited amount of instruction and only until they can manage and control a horse in the walk, trot and canter. Some of these may or may not have the ability to change leads and posting on correct diagonals. Therefore, we have a small group, a very small percentage who continue instruction over a period of time, and it's this class that are interested in horsemanship. They become exhibitors, establish private stables, are active in riding and hunt clubs and carry on horse show activities. They display fine horsemanship in the hunting field and show ring, and, I believe, they are a credit to their instructors.

Another condition attributable to poor horsemanship is the variety of recognized methods in this country and this certainly differs from European countries having high standards in horsemanship for many years. For example let us compare Germany and Austria. Both countries are noted for their fine horsemanship and methods of teaching. These methods have come down through the years, from one generation to another, with little or no outside influence. Here in the United States we have no definite recognized standards or methods, except the standard and rules governing horsemanship offered by the American Horse Shows Association. The United States is the melting-pot of the world. We have horsemen and instructors from various countries, each believing his methods to be far superior to all others, combined with American born horsemen and instructors, and a well balanced col-

lection of the mediocre variety. The results is a conglomeration of methods and divergence of opinions on the subject of equitation.

Can we have Olympic quality horsemanship in this country without a recognized standard? It hardly seems possible, except for a very limited few. Olympic horsemanship requires considerable time, effort and money to attain perfection. There are no short cuts. Dressage is the highest form of horsemanship and horse training and certainly has great value in the training of hunters, yet, how many hunters in the finest hunting sections of the country, for example let us say Virginia and Long Island, are trained in dressage. The answer would be very few, although the sections mentioned have many sportsmen well able to pay for this type of training. To say civilians are not interested in Olympic endeavors seems fantastic but we don't have thousands of "Little Turtles" in a dormant condition waiting the magic word to arouse their interest. The truth is, if Americans are interested in dress-

sage, they will take up the subject without any magic word but the plain facts are few horsemen or sportsmen are interested. I believe every one sincerely interested in horsemanship desires to see the United States at the very top in equitation, including dressage and Olympic competition; it's a "MUST" in future American Horsemanship.

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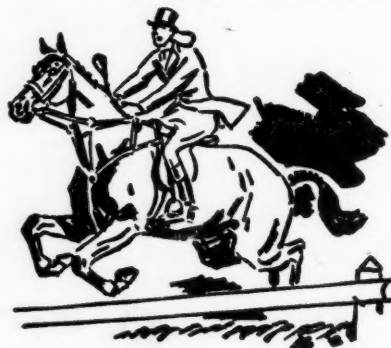
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## Virginia Holmgreen's Mad Money Top Hunter At Fort Worth Show

Virginia Lockett

For the first time in its fifty-two years the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas, offered classes for jumpers in its Horse Show and Rodeo held January 30 to February 8. There were 8 classes altogether which included 7 jumper classes and a local hunter class.

Jumping is new in Texas at any show, but it's really a step forward to be included in a Texas stock show and rodeo. The jumpers were in with the Quarter Horse and the silver mounted Palomino classes and still held their own or better with the spectators. It looks like there'll be jumping next year and from here on out.

The prize list attracted some out-of-state horses and Texas jumpers were hard put to defend the "home team." Top winner, however, with two firsts, two seconds and a fifth, was Mad Money, owned by Miss Virginia Holmgreen of San Antonio and ridden by Charles Zimmerman of Houston, Texas. This grand horse has only two seasons of showing experience behind him, but, in any show, he's the horse to beat. Second in line with one first and three seconds was Apple Jack, a big roan owned by Grove Porter of Kansas City and ridden by Joe Mackey, Jr. of Overland Park, Kansas.

The classes were all interesting with the jumps going up for several exciting jump offs. In the knock-down-and-out five horses were tied for first. There was a 6" raise for the jump off, putting several jumps close to 5'-0". Mad Money took the blue, and was the only horse to finish the course. Second money went to Red Wood, owned by the Hobby Horse Stable of Austin, Texas, and ridden by Jimmie Burr. Red Wood and his stablemate Esquire were sold during the show to Dick Griffith to be used in his Roman riding stunt over jumps.

Fort Worth riders turned out well for their local hunter class. Top honors went to Milly Russell, owned and ridden by Fred M. Lege, III, and second to Overdrive, owned and ridden by Charles Griffin.

January 30 - February 8

Open jumpers—1. Apple Jack, Grove Porter; 2. Mad Money, Virginia Holmgreen; 3. The Master, Mrs. Joe Mackey; 4. Red Jug, Charles Zimmerman.

Handy jumpers—1. Mad Money, Virginia Holmgreen; 2. Red Jug, Charles Zimmerman; 3. The Plainsman, Frank E. Bush; 4. The Master, Mrs. Joe Mackey.

Scurry jumpers—1. The Plainsman, Frank E. Bush; 2. Apple Jack, Grove Porter; 3. The Master, Mrs. Joe Mackey; 4. Our Hebert, Joe Mackey, Jr.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Mad Money, Virginia Holmgreen; 2. Red Wood, Hobby Horse Stable; 3. The Master, Mrs. Joe Mackey; 4. The Plainsman, Frank E. Bush.

Ladies' jumpers—1. Our Hebert, Joe Mackey, Jr.; 2. Mad Money, Virginia Holmgreen; 3. Star Clift, Burton Lehmuller; 4. Red Jug, Charles Zimmerman.

Touch and out—1. Red Jug, Charles Zimmerman; 2. Apple Jack, Grove Porter; 3. Star Clift, Burton Lehmuller; 4. The Plainsman, Frank E. Bush.

Local hunters—1. Milly Russell, Fred M. Lege, III; 2. Overdrive, Charles Griffin; 3. Blue, O. K. Shannon; 4. Bell Hop, Fred M. Lege, III.

Jumper stake—1. Our Hebert, Joe Mackey,

## Horsemanship

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but let's not get the cart before the horse.

The American people are horse minded. We have more people riding than at any other time in the history of the country, more riding clubs, stables and horse shows. Last summer in Wichita, Kansas during a local holiday parade over two thousand riding horses were in the line of march and during the last bond drive in Los Angeles, California some ten thousand horses were in the parade, from a farm boy to a film star. With this interest in riding many cities have added miles of bridle paths in forest and park systems and the prices of both pleasure and show horses are the highest on record.

What we need is an American Standard Of Horsemanship and recognized rules governing that standard, nothing made-to-order for any particular section of the country, but a standard recognized and adopted throughout the entire country. The only standard we have was created by the A. H. S. A. and while this standard has served the purpose, it hardly can be termed an American standard, as it is not recognized throughout the entire country. In fact recognized horse shows and recognized judges even have divergences of opinion in judging. An American standard should be created by many horsemen who have made a study of the subject, rather than a committee on equitation that ride in a very special way. Horsemen like Col. John T. Cole, Col. Earl F. Thomson and others well qualified to do the job together with those of the A. H. S. A. could create an ideal standard. This standard should be complete in detail and cover the jumping seat, equitation saddle seat, show saddle seat and the western seat, and to draft such a standard means help from various sections of the country, no one section or group to dominate.

This means cooperation and support from all sections of the country, horse owners, exhibitors, horse show and riding associations, managers, judges and instructors alike. Let there be no blasts of criticism because we don't favor the same type of riding or horses. Remember all types make up good riding and lend their support to the horse show game. We have a great many who ride and exhibit saddle horses and western type of stock and parade horses. These exhibitors are important and spend thousands for horses. The show saddle seat and the western seat should be covered in the American standard of horsemanship.

In closing a word on dressage. The Editor's desk has been flooded with various shades of opinion on this subject the past year, just another instance of the divergence of opinions that exist on the subject of horses, horse training and horsemanship.

Jr.; 2. Apple Jack, Grove Porter; 3. The Plainsman, Frank E. Bush; 4. Star Clift, Burton Lehmuller; 5. Mad Money, Virginia Holmgreen; 6. Red Wood, Hobby Horse Stable.

Judge: Mrs. Sam Kone.

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Enthusiastic jumping jocks at the Hobby Horse Stable decided that something must be done about long, lazy Sunday afternoons, and called them show days! The bad weather day of the Hobby Horse Show, Austin, Texas, Dec. 7, finally called off the last class, hunt teams. Consequently, we started to build a small show around the cancelled hunt teams for January 11 but like Top-sie, it "just grewed."

The day provided several good goes for green horses. Picadilly, a powerfully-made chestnut mare was queen of the day. Scientific, Hobby Horse Stable's prize blue-grey 3-year-old, is rapidly building a reputation to match his good looks. He is training under the experienced hands of his owner Jimmie Burr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young's quarter horse stallion, Buckaneer, came through with a performance that won the open jumping. He and Skipper, a neat brown horse, which spent his energies in the right direction, jumped it off for first and second place. Both were ridden by Mrs. Jack Young.

Mrs. Sam Kone of San Antonio was guest judge.

This impromptu show pointed the way to pleasurable Sunday afternoons, with experience profit on the part of horse and rider.

January 11

Beginners jumping—1. Spitball, Jackie Anderson; 2. Hi-Half, Joan Griffin; 3. Smudge-Pot, Mary Noble; 4. Hackberry, Linda Fee.

Children's jumping, under 12—1. Smudge-Pot, Mary Noble; 2. Hi-Half, Lollie Dyke; 3. Dark Eyes, Dickie Dyke.

Lightweight hunter—1. Picadilly, Pat Clements; 2. Fletcher, Missy Kone; 3. Billboard, Caroline Smith; 4. Fanfare, Nancy Moody.

ship. With all due respect to others, Capt. T. Fred Marsman and Mr. Edward Wulff offered the readers of The Chronicle a clear understanding of dressage, the difference between dressage and haute école and the value of dressage training. Dressage should be recognized and it is hoped it will be a "MUST" in the horsemanship of the future in the United States.

Medium and heavyweight hunter—1. Scientific, Hobby Horse Stable; 2. Overdrive, Charles Griffin; 3. Shamrock, Belle Pendleton; 4. Cloud Sweep, Robby Sharp.

Hunter-jumper class—1. Fletcher, Missy Kone; 2. Picadilly, Pat Clements; 3. Cloud Sweep, Robby Sharp; 4. Odd Fellow, Nancy Moody.

Open jumper handicap—1. Buckaneer, Mrs. Jack Young; 2. Skipper, Mrs. Jack Young; 3. Esquire, Missy Kone; 4. Overdrive, Charles Griffin.

Hunt teams—1. Picadilly, Pat Clements; Shamrock, Belle Pendleton; Billboard, Caroline Smith; 2. Fletcher, Missy Kone; Danny Boy, Mary Street; Odd Fellow, Nancy Moody; 3. Scientific, Hobby Horse Stable; Spit Ball, Jackie Anderson; Cloud Sweep, Robby Sharp; 4. Overdrive, Charles Griffin; Hi-Half, Joan Griffin; Smudge-Pot, Mary Noble.

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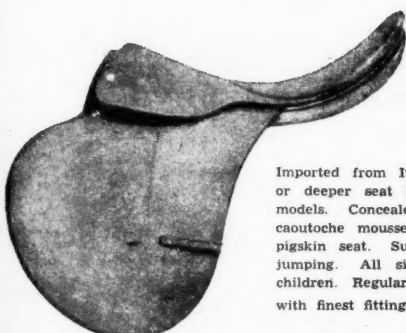
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## Hunting Trip To Virginia



### In Search of Foxes, Ex-M. F. H. Fairfield And Westchester Finds South Long On Snow—Short On Sport But Still Hunting

Migi Serrell

I promised The Chronicle an article after I came back from a quick Hunting Tour. If I could ski, I wouldn't be in such a jam, but a promise is a promise.

It seems that January was a bad month everywhere this year. Everyone has his complaints and is making them, against the snow and below zero weather. So I am not alone. I have finally figured out that if I kept my mouth closed and just simply took off for Clarke County one pretty January morning I would avoid this confusing state of affairs. Naturally one can't do that to any organized groups. They wouldn't stand for it, my family, I mean.

Have you ever been surrounded by everything good, what you will, and not been able to partake of a morsel? That was my vacation in a nutshell. Two good hunters, a van, six accessible hunts, plenty of time and no appointments to keep. Imagine this set up right in my lap and what happened? Even the Virginians don't know what hit them. Eight below zero? Four days in a row snow? Nothing but. Enough said.

So there I am. Lovely clean breeches, shining boots, long underwear, gloves, the works just settin' in the closet because no one in his right mind takes hounds out in weather like that, but after all one can get used to most anything, so when it looked like it was going to last, Clarke County dug itself out and began to nose around. With chains on the cars, plow working daily, people started to move about. I made my way to Clifton Farm almost every day to at least exercise my horses. We broke a good sized ring in the fields and resumed a normal, if not a foxhunting, existence. I can still remember the faces at Clifton when I schooled my horses over the course set up in the front field. What? Jump in the snow? But I reminded them that I am a D-Yankee and used to such nonsense. In fact you never saw horses go better. They loved it. Soft, easy going where before the ground was like cement.

And so it went, Blue Ridge took hounds out four times tho' I can imagine what went through some of the more timid minds. Fools, all of us. But die-hards and I want to thank them for the effort they made for surely it was for my sake that they hunted at all. Whether hounds found or not, whether the field froze to death, it was a beautiful eye filling sight. Where before the country was brown and drab there lay on its' bosom a fleece-like blanket. Mile after mile of open virgin land. To the base of the mountains, as far as the eye could see, not a smudge, not a flaw in its perfection. And a picture printed on the cover for anyone to enjoy, of scarlet coats, a pack of hounds winding slowly through the hills searching constantly for a red fox. It made it worthwhile, truly.

Then one afternoon I called Mid-

deburg. I have always wanted to see the Orange County Hounds with which Mr. Fletcher Harper has done such a wonderful job so I set off with that intention. Bobby Young, Joint M. F. H. put me in a jeep and took me to the Kennels, where I guarantee even the most dour fox-hunter would come to life and be thrilled. Sixty couple of red and white hounds of great size, bone and quality, were paraded in front of my aching heart. What I wouldn't have given that very moment to be on a horse waiting for their huntsman Duke Leach to cast into the first covert. Thank you, Bobby Young for a most wonderful afternoon.

This brings me up to the point where I begin to enter into the spirit of our more hardy ancestors who went about in the snow with no concern. How? By hitching old Dobbin up and carrying on, of course. It wouldn't have been complete without something of the sort in Virginia. Having written another questionable article for said Chronicle my reward was an outing along the River Road in a cutter. There one really gets the feel of winter. Sleigh bells, fur coats, a good mare to pull you along at a smart clip. Oh, what a smug warm feeling it is and in spite of yourself you must grin from ear to ear and laugh at those poor unfortunates who are not so lucky. I would gladly struggle at writing every day for that kind of salary.

None of this writing would be possible or half so gay if it weren't for Springsbury. A spot in Clarke County so near heaven that you glow in retrospect of good times, wonderful people, and hospitality. One can learn a lot about the latter at Springsbury. Life there adjusted itself quickly to the snow and cold. It was always a pleasure to watch the lovely hunters and show horses, yearlings and two-year-olds exercise in the snow. And I shall laugh for days at the breakfast discussions each morning on degrees above or below zero. Much running to the thermometers, checking, rechecking and resigning ourselves to fate and an extra blanket a night. To the Greenhalgh family a toast: to their good fellowship and marvellous good humor toward a stranger in their midst.

By now, I have quite convinced myself that it was still a Hunting Tour. Funny how stubborn one's mind gets about such things. You can't make me believe that I went South just to exercise my horses altho' there is a slight suspicion regarding same in my household. But I stick to my guns.

Next time I'll go in November just

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Drawing north through Montana Hall, birthplace of Phalanx the top three-year-old of 1947, we found a fresh line in the Bunker Hill field, at exactly the same spot where we had found on Feb. 2nd. On that day it perhaps had been a vixen, as the fox went to ground after a sharp gallop. Thursday's pilot was a tough old mountain man, however, evidently in search of love. He ran north, nearly to the Long Branch road, and then southeast close to Jack Prestage's barn where he was viewed by that keenest of foxhunters Roland Mitchell. The latter had pulled in early to go to a Washington dinner party and the air was so

to fool the weatherman, for I am home now full of enthusiasm and ready to make plans for another trip, come what may.—M. W. S.

blue with curses at his cruel fate that hounds checked for a moment. However, they picked up the line in the bluff and drove hard down the river, through Tom Byrd's and Lover's Leap to the Bellfield house. Here the fox was coursed by our dogs and took to the river which is very deep at this point and was frozen from bank to bank. We galloped on to the bottoms opposite White Horse and saw the pack come screeching down the river, turn to the far bank and straight up the face of the Blue Ball mountain, one of the spurs of the Blue Ridge. It was fascinating to watch them drive up the mountainside, spread out before us like a map, until they crossed the summit and disappeared. Their voices still came back to us out of the stillness of the gathering dusk, however, and I thought of Rip van Winkle and the rumbling

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S. P. Porter

Comparing the merits of different types of hounds is always a rather delicate matter because there are so many experts in the field.

First there is the expert by birth. The average Irish hunting man scoffs at the opinion of an outsider, this is also true of the Englishman and, let's admit it, the Virginian. In fact in many ways the latter is often the most virulent.

Second there is the expert by experience. He has hunted for years, since a boy in fact, concentrating with all his might to stay on his horse, get his horse over fences and keep the fellow ahead of him always in sight. He rarely notices the pack except at the meet and has never stood in a kennel yard in his life except for social reasons; nevertheless, he is an expert on hounds.

Third there is the expert by purchase. He is the big subscriber. No one wants to contradict him!

And finally the expert by accident. By some freak he has been transformed for sporting purposes from a banker, cotillion leader, manufacturer, polo player, horseman, etc. into a M. F. H. The next morning he awakes an authority with very pronounced opinions which unfortunately may stick to him throughout his career, without his feeling the advisability of further investigation or experiment.

Perhaps, therefore, it is best at the outset to state certain firm beliefs of the writer now, so that some of those with very fixed ideas can pull out at once and not run the risk of excess blood pressure.

In the first place it is my belief that to get the most out of a highly bred animal, from the gamecock to the race horse, that animal must be properly fed so that his body will get ample nourishment and that body must be well exercised so that this nourishment goes into hard bone and muscle and not into extra fat or flabby, weak organs. Yet how often, especially in the South, we hear that hounds should be kept half starved and hunt because of hunger. What rot! If it were true race horses should be fed only after winning and gamecocks reduced to cannibalism. Furthermore, I believe that hounds should be well housed so that they are not tortured by the heat of the summer nor required to burn up their feed in the mere process of survival during the winter. Cleanliness and good care is a must if hounds

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## CHRONICLE QUIZ

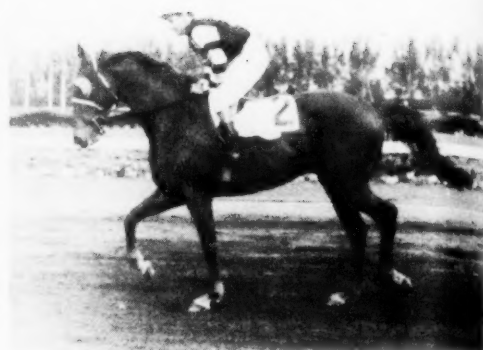
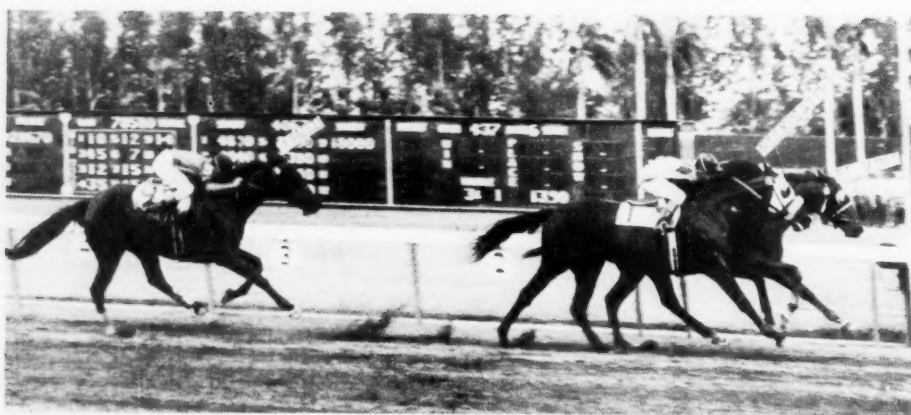


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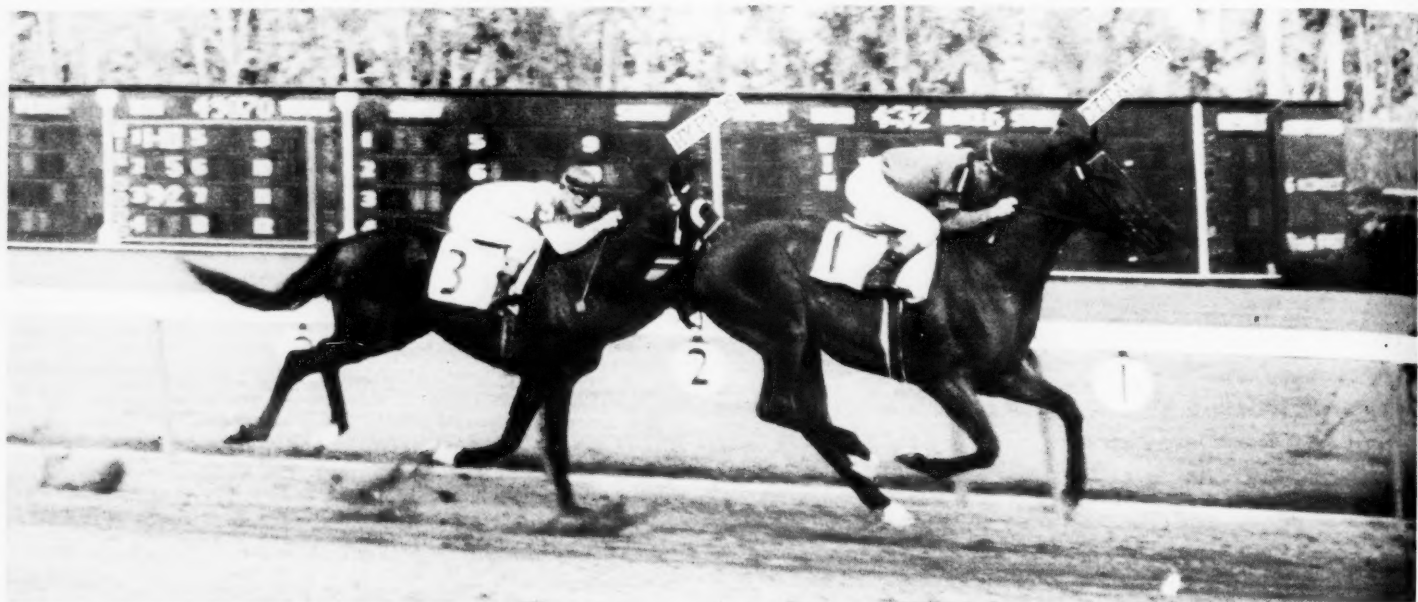
2. Name two of the principal races for 2-year-olds at three-quarters of a mile.
3. What is a Western chunk?
4. Name the three types of harness classes offered at horse shows.
5. What is the meaning of banking?
6. When is a hound at walk?

(Answers on Page 19)

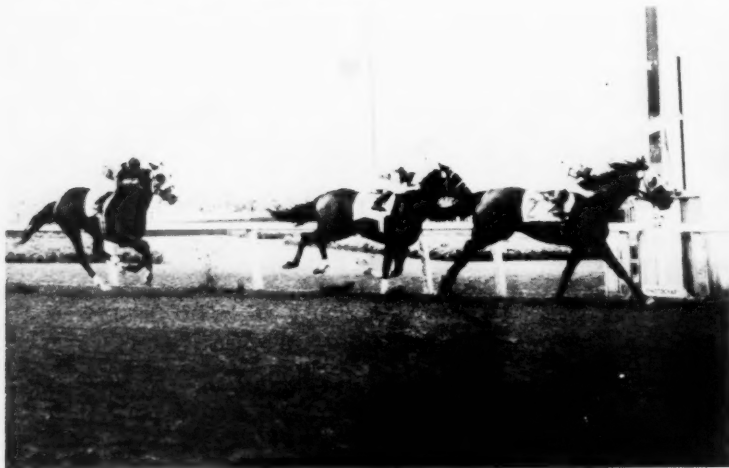
## The McLennan and San Vicente Handicaps



A \$10,000 claimer; a sprinter; a change in jockeys; all of this added up to provide an upset in the 13th running of the McLennan 'Cap at Hialeah Park on Feb. 14. Last summer Daniel Lamont claimed El Mono from breeder A. J. Sackett for \$10,000 and he was definitely classed as a sprinter. His first outing at a distance was 9 days prior to the McLennan when Calumet's Hail Victory opened a winning gap of 2½ lengths. Still considered a sprinter, he went to the post with Jockey P. Roberts up. Jockey Roberts is making a comeback after a bad spill and this was his first stakes winner on the long road back. The 4-year-old son of Head Play-Hand Urgan earned \$22,100 in defeating Circle M Farm's Riskolater and Calumet's Horse of the Year in 1947, Armed. Hialeah Park Photo.



Calumet's home-bred Citation chalked up another victory in the 3rd running of the Everglades 'Cap which was passed up by Circle M Farm's Relic. The hoped for meeting of these top 3-year-olds did not take place. However, Citation carried top weight and led Belair Stud's Hypnos and W. P. Chrysler's Silvering to the finish in that order. For his 2-year-old, and thus far in his 3-year-old season, the son of Bull Lea-Hydroplane II, by Hyperion has faced the starter 11 times, winning 10 races. His only defeat came from stablemate Bewitch last summer. Hialeah Park Photo.



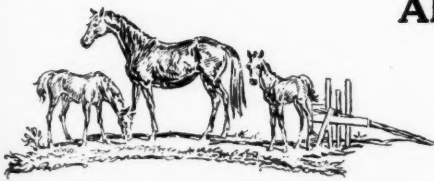
Topping the yearling consignment of Warner L. Jones, Jr. in 1946 was a bay colt by Hash-Manatella, sold to William E. Helis for \$20,000. Named Salmagundi, the colt has faced the starter in 5 outings this season and has accounted for 3, his latest being the San Vicente 'Cap at Santa Anita on Feb. 21. Owner Helis was absent but the Misses Adrinne and Diane Helis, along with Trainer W. Booth, accepted the trophy from L. M. Battson. Jockey J. Longden rode 3 winners that day; it was his 3rd winning ride in the San Vicente and his 3rd stakes win at the current meeting. Santa Anita Photo.

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## Thoroughbreds

**Arcaro Replaced Mehrtens; Snider Took Over From Dodson; Dodson Rode A Castoff From King Ranch But El Mono Won Widener**

Joe H. Palmer

Citation's effort in the Everglades Handicap caused many normally conservative persons to start wiggling out on limbs. The race was won with remarkable ease, despite an unexpectedly game performance from Belair's light and rather scraggly Hypnos. But Citation recommended himself almost as much in the paddock as on the track. He has grown considerably over the winter, and he's every inch a horse. His racing record is all but impeccable, for even if you assume he couldn't have caught Bewitch in the Washington Park Futurity, neither could anything else at the time. He has twice beaten older horses here, some of them good ones, and from here he looks like the best of the year. On the grounds, Relic was his chief rival, and the latter, after pulling a muscle, has been taken out of training and will forego the Flamingo and is not likely to start in the Kentucky Derby.

Better Self, according to Max Hirsch, is training well enough at Columbia, but he does not look with much optimism on his chances of beating Citation. James Fitzsimmons' best chance is Whirling Fox, now at Aqueduct. "I'm pretty sure he'll go on," Mr. Fitz said last week, "and if it turns out some of the other ones won't, he might do all right." Another vote came from the veteran W. F. (Bert) Mulholland, who has a few horses here for George D. Widener and F. E. Dixon, Jr. I asked him what he thought of Citation. "Just the best 3-year-old in the country," he said.

The only doubt I have is that I don't remember so much to do about a 3-year-old in Florida since Brevity, and though Brevity was a good horse, he was a long way from living up to his billing.

The Widener Handicap had per-

haps best be dismissed as a bad dream. On the face of it, there's nothing astonishing in the fact that El Mono, having beaten Armed with a 16-pound weight concession, should do it again when he got 18 pounds. Nor, since Assault and Armed were ranked about together, is it startling that if he could beat one he could beat the other. But people were startled, just the same.

The trouble was that both Armed and Assault ran dreadful races. Aside from one menacing gesture on the far turn, neither threatened at all. Neither showed more than a vestige of the form which made them dual claimants to the mile-and-a-quarter championship. There may be a coherent explanation, but it could not be arrived at by Edward Arcaro, Al Snider, Ben and Jimmy Jones, or Max Hirsch.

El Mono, at least under the 112 pounds he carried in both the McLennan and the Widener, is a slow-starting, hard-hitting colt, and Porter Roberts, a Lexington, Ky., boy, rode him smartly both times. In the McLennan he was never off the rail, and in the Widener he came out at the quarter-pole to circle one horse.

Dan Lamont, who manufactures shoes at Altoona, Pa., just got into the horse business last August, and he got El Mono through a \$10,000 claim at Atlantic City. Both the figure and the fortune approximate those of Fred Hooper, who came to Keeneland one year and paid \$10,200 for the first Thoroughbred he ever owned—the Kentucky Derby winner Hoop, Jr.

A peculiar angle of the Widener was the riding assignments. Assault had been ridden to his triple crown victory and his first comeback race by Warren Mehrtens. Armed had gone to the world's top money-winning spot under Doug Dodson. So

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## Letter From New York

**Assault's Retirement To Stud Causes New Yorkers To Remember His Blazing Victory Under 135 Pounds In 1947 Butler 'Cap**

Bob Kelley

There was a gloomy combination here on Long Island over the Washington Birthday week-end, that is for horsemen, though the writer did see some more little darlings gleefully disporting on sleds. Heck, haven't they had enough this winter? Anyway, the combination of the end of Assault's career and the arrival of fresh snow on the Island combined to make it anything but cheerful.

### New York's Assault

Though he was born in Texas and goes now to Kentucky for his stud career, Assault was our horse around here. Somehow he was considered a New Yorker and those who saw him run here will never forget the little-appearing gamester which ran better than the majority of those he grew up with despite the fact he went through his racing career with a bum foot.

We'll remember him here for his shuffling walk in the mornings as he came up the lane from the Hirsch stables to the main track for his workouts at Belmont; for the anxious major operations which every shoeing became; for his calm assumption of a champion's rights around his barn and for the many great kicks he gave those of us who watch races. Particularly will we remember him for what many of us consider the greatest performance of modern times, his blazing, fighting victory under 135 pounds in last summer's Butler Handicap.

### More Snow

As for the new snow, it was disappointing, for the thaw that preceded it had brought back stretches of bare ground and made everybody talk about getting out on the track. Now all hands are under the sheds indefinitely.

But the thaw did accomplish some things. It gave the harassed track superintendents a chance to

get at some of the backstretch preparations needed to get things in shape for the opening and the arrival of horses from out of town. And it still seems possible that the middle of March will see the Thoroughbreds on the tracks.

### Horse Colony Growing

The horse colony here has grown just a bit in recent days, but none of the name ones have begun to come in yet from winter quarters. About the best of the local colony is William Woodward's Whirling Fox, working lightly under the shed at old Mr. Fitz's barn in Aqueduct. Though he has done no real work as yet, the colt that ran second to Citation in The Futurity at Belmont last Autumn has apparently wintered well and is ready for harder work when the chance comes to give it to him.

### Jamaica's Stakes Closed

Jamaica's stakes closed on the 15th of the month and, if they are any indication, New York is due for a crowded and brilliant season. The nominations have not been cleared yet for publication by the Metropolitan Jockey Club, but the general tenor has been larger numbers than a year ago and from more nominators. The latter fact is interesting and perhaps, a reflection of New York's early drafting of its stakes schedule with publication of same, giving owners and trainers a chance to plan through the season.

### Stabling Room

The addition of names to the nominators, the appearance of new ones, increases a problem which has been a real one here for a good many years, the problem of stabling room. There has been the general practice of granting space to those who have raced in New York in the past and to those who intend to do the major part of their racing here

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## TEN LEADING AMERICAN STAKES WINNERS

(Through February 21)

### 10 LEADING SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

	Races Won	1st Monies Won
HASH (Flashco, Salmagundi)	2	\$121,100
HEAD PLAY (El Mono 2)	2	65,900
ZACAWESTA (Autocrat, Buzfuz)	2	50,700
PANTALON (*Talon)	1	47,300
SALERNO (*Oihaverry)	1	45,000
REAPING REWARD (May Reward)	1	41,500
MILKMAN (Mrs. Rabbit)	1	41,000
PILATE (Miss Doreen)	1	38,400
*ALIBHAI (On Trust)	1	31,500
TRACE CALL (Rampart)	1	20,050

### 10 LEADING BREEDERS OF STAKES WINNERS

	Races Won
H. M. Woolfe	2
W. L. Jones, Jr.	2
A. J. Sackett	2
Calumet	2
S. C. Magnin (Argen.)	1
C. Silva (Chile)	1
P. T. Chinn	1
B. M. Browning	1
W. L. Brann	1
Audley Farm	1

### 10 LEADING OWNERS OF STAKES WINNERS

	Races Won
Circle M. Farm	3
Woolford Farm	2
D. Lamont	2
Calumet	2
F. Frankel	1
R. N. Ryan	1
Pan du Azucar Stables	1
Baroni & Battilani	1
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### 10 LEADING TRAINERS OF STAKES WINNERS

	Races Won
B. B. Williams	3
R. O. Higdon	2
R. C. Troxler	2
H. A. Jones	2
G. Reeves	1
H. A. Luro	1
A. E. Silver	1
A. A. Baroni	1
E. L. Fitzgerald	1
R. R. Hull	1

# Breeders' Notes

A. A. Baldwin

## WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER

If you are a member of the Calumet Club or Armed admirers Association, keep up with your dues for the chances are you are only temporarily in a slow period, especially if handicappers start taking off top weight on the gallant gelding. As a matter of fact, through January, Calumet earned \$8,000 more than it did last year. The BEAU MONDE are withholding condolences until December.

## AUSTRALIANS GREAT SPORTSMEN

Space and time restrict putting in print our feelings for Australians, those wonderful sportsmen and horsemen Americans feel are more brothers-in-blood than perhaps are any other countrymen. Not just because, by any means, they are the only country that recognizes our Stud Book. Sixteen years ago they sent the gelding Phar Lap here to stack him up against our best colts and horses. The courageous chestnut son of Night Raid—Entreaty by Winkie was a wonder horse, perhaps the world's greatest, making a show of his field in his only American start, the Agua Caliente Handicap. Prior to this brave, foreign invasion he had, as a 3-year-old, won the A. J. C. Plate of 2 1-4 miles by 10 lengths in record time, the Melbourne Derby and St. Leger and other races. At 4 he had taken Australia's classic, the Melbourne Cup. Like Man o'War and other great horses, he was not always the winner but he was tops with or without the impost of excessive weight. His death came tragically at the beginning of his American infiltration of our big stakes prizes when he was turned out on a paddock that had been sprayed with weed-killer. Australians, God bless them, insist he was purposely poisoned.

## ENGAGEMENT BOOK FULL

\*Hilltown, the dark bay son of \*Blenheim II—\*Phaona by Phalaris (thus 1-2 brother to \*Easton), who stands at the Tom Waller's farm near Bedford, N. Y., has an over-subscribed engagement book for the coming season. He raced only as a 3-year-old winning two races, being twice 2nd and three times 3rd in eleven outings. Retiring to stud, he got the hard knocking Valdina Orphan in his second crop, a colt who was there or thereabouts in the main 3-year-old stakes of 1942.

## CAMDEN, CAROLINA CUP, KIRKOVER

If you are one of the ardent followers of hunt meetings that never miss a muster of the sport, you will be one of those attending the "schooling" races on March 13th at Camden which open the hunt season. What with 150 jumpers wintering in the Carolinas, large fields are assured and first time starters will be carefully watched. Two weeks later, on the 27th, the Carolina Cup, "karakteristically" Kirkover, and supporting races on the flat and over hurdles and brush, go to make up a start towards leading honors across country for 1948.

## NORTH VESUS SOUTH

Why people would rather own a good horse than manufacture an automobile has never been satisfactorily explained, but the fact is, fields of endeavour being open to all comers, the horse lovers way outnumber the creators of mechanical speed. A certain amount of rivalry, 100 percent, persists between horsemen of the South and North, not only horse against horse but also hunt meeting versus hunt meeting, hospitality notwithstanding. On the credit side of the matter of putting on a good day's sport for the Rebels is Francis Greene's Deep Run Hunt Race Association meeting at Richmond when steeplechasing moves northwards on April 3rd. There, the large number of seven races are carded for the afternoon. The various courses, hurdle, brush and timber, are not quite as tough propositions as some others to be met with later on in the year, and for that reason many trainers take advantage of the fairness of the obstacles to bring out inexperienced horses. Also, in this day and age, green jockeys. Deep Run is apt to be the setting where Carolina trained stables first compete against those wintering in Maryland and Virginia. Due to the excessively long and cold January and February hereabouts, training is about a month behind schedule. We look for the Carolinians to have things pretty much their own way until the middle of May.

## MAY REWARD DERBY THREAT

Out at Santa Anita one of the hottest of the 3-year-olds is May Reward, the black colt by Reaping Reward—Bona Via by Twink which Norman W. Church paid \$10,000 for in the Keeneland Sales of '46. He is the only good class colt of his age group in California that has shown ability to run in off going—apt to be a very important item come Derby day at Louisville. It appears his most stern competition comes from Mrs. N. Goldstone's Solidarity, the L. B. Mayer bred son of \*Alibhai and \*Jerrybuilt by Empire Builder, the next dam, Varnish by Grand Parade; another \*Alibhai, the colt Call Bell out of the mare, Tuscan Belle by \*Mio d'Arezzo; and William Helis' Salmagundi, another of the Warner Jones bred who is hovering near the \$100,000 mark in earnings, by Hash—Manatella by \*The Satrap.

## SAGGY, FORMER PRICE TAG RACER

Add to the list of good horses that have run with a price tag, the useful 3-year-old Saggy who started off a brilliant career last year in a \$10,000 top and bottom event, winning it as he pleased. His next start was an allowance affair which he won, elevating him ever since to the bourgeoisie of stakes company. The speedy son of Swing and Sway (Equipose—Nedana by \*Negofol) out of Chatress by Hyperhelion won six of his seven public appearances as a 2-year-old. His one reversal was at the hands, or feet, of Brookmeade's Inseparable during which race he was carried wide by Phar Mon, losing more lengths than he was beaten by. Saggy is at present

pointing for the first running of the \$10,000 E. R. Bradley Memorial at Tropical Park on March 13th.

## DELAWARE PARK "NEWMARKET OF AMERICA"

For many reasons, the few non-profit tracks in the country are popular with both horsemen and patrons of the sport. Whenever a discussion arises among horsemen about a track at which they like to run their charges, they almost invariably mention Delaware Park, the "Newmarket" of America. The powers that be behind Delaware racing, William duPont Jr., Donald P. Ross, J. Simpson Dean and their associates, wisely laid the foundation for racing there by putting through an excellent state racing bill first before breaking ground to erect so much as a bleacher. The complete set up is efficient and appeals more and more to race trackers as the years go on. Mrs. Esther duPont Weir is the latest owner to plan the establishment of a training stable there adjoining the track proper for her upwards of fifty flat and steeplechasing horses. Donald Ross has already an enterprise of that kind in operation with a 24 stall stable, paddocks and an enclosed galloping track.

## ALEX GORDON TO KENTUCKY

The capable horseman, trainer and farm manager, Alex Gordon, is leaving North Wales Stud for Kentucky. Before joining the Walter Chrysler contingent, he has been out in California where he was the man largely responsible for the phenomenally rapid and successful growth of the L. B. Mayer horse interests. He is an old timer who has forgotten more about stable and farm management than most of us will ever know. For instance, he is a charter member of the "We helped start Calumet" club, having sold the good sire of stayers, Bostonian, to Warren Wright in the early '30s. He was the breeder of many useful colts and fillies, the best perhaps being that excellent juvenile, Maedic, which won five successive stakes at Saratoga in 1936 for Maemere Farm.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Despite a very rough crossing, the English mare, Cedarhurst, by Tolgus—Snake Lass, her yearling colt by Bellman and another yearling colt by Scratch—Accelerate by Hurry On, arrived in fair condition at Baltimore the other day. Their new owner, Ian Montgomery, has them acclimating and stuffing themselves at the Montgomery farm near Warrenton.

## BROOKMEADE SELLS FOUR

Brookmeade Stable has announced the sale of four horses to the joint ownership of Messrs. Grissom and Sherman. The transaction included the Hialeah turf stars, Sun Herod and Master Bid. Sun Herod has the fastest "grass time" for 1 1-16 at the current Florida meeting about to close.

## HE DID IT AGAIN

The voice on the telephone said, "What are you going to say about El Mono now?" What can you say about the fiddle faddling son of Head Play—Hand Organ by \*Strolling Player you have too hastily classed in the category his name and his dam's implies. Well, he made monkeys out of Assault and Armed too, didn't he? And in new track record time for the mile and a quarter of 2:01. Cast aside your funny red uniform and tin cup, El Mono, you're headed for the softly lighted salons where white tie and tails are in order. After what we said about

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## "THOROUGHbred" VETERINARY REMEDIES

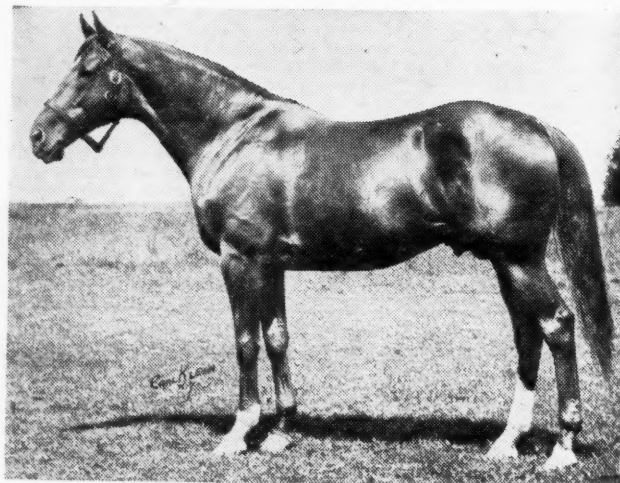
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## Possibilities of Remount Transfer

### Additional Research and Breeding Activities Inherent In Pending Legislation To Transfer Remount To Department of Agriculture

Edwin Cordery

Since the Army has decided to abandon the Army Horse Breeding Plan, surely we should begin to make plans to carry on the work and the research which they have done so successfully. It will be most regrettable, and a serious loss to riding and to the teaching of equitation if we let it drop. The demand for light horses for pleasure riding, both for schools and for private ownership, is increasing throughout the country.

I understand that a bill has been passed by the House of Representatives, and is to come up in the Senate during the Second Session of the 80th Congress, to transfer the Army Remount Service to the United States Department of Agriculture. From my own experience and personal investigation, I feel that such a transfer would be a logical procedure, both in the interest of breeding and in developing schools for the teaching of equitation, because:

1. It would create an opportunity for research in light horse breeding in departments of horse husbandry in our agricultural colleges.

2. It would also provide a complete setting for the training of students who wish to prepare themselves for teaching, providing an education in handling horses from foals to thoroughly trained mounts, including experience in judging, showing, and teaching equitation.

The time has come when our departments of horse husbandry in state universities must face the fact that a complete change must be made from the breeding of draft horses and the crossing of draft horses with Thoroughbreds to the breeding of lighter types.

The mechanized farm of today has little or no use for the draft horse. Farmers should, therefore, be encouraged to cooperate with agricultural colleges in the breeding and developing of light horses. Surely their best chance for education along this line can and should be made possible by state experiment stations. They should be encouraged to keep on their farms one or two light mares, which could be used for pleasure riding by the family, for convenient transportation around the farm, and for breeding colts which could be priced to fit the purse of the average owner of a pleasure horse.

It should be possible for farmers to have access to Remount stallions in their vicinity. I feel that it would be an injustice to deprive them of the service, at low cost, of these stallions, whether they be kept at agricultural colleges or by other breeders. Personally, I think it is unfair to breeding interests to restrict the use of Government-owned stallions which are serving less than twenty mares, thereby depriving owners of mares, who wish to raise foals, of the opportunity to do so, at a price they can afford to pay. Was it not the intention of the Army Breeding Program, in distributing Remount stallions over the country, to encourage the farmers to breed the type of horses that could be used either for cavalry or for pleasure?

Let us analyze the opportunities which could be provided by our colleges of agriculture for students interested in the light horse field as a business or a profession.

These colleges are already equipped with stable facilities and with

land which could be used for training both horses and students in the principles of pleasure riding, polo, hunting, and preparing horses for the show ring.

Some of the state universities have colleges of veterinary medicine. From this source lecturers could be obtained and demonstrations given on anatomy and first aid. In return, the colleges of veterinary medicine would profit by the opportunity for research in connection with breeding, the care of mares and foals, the treatment of diseases and injuries, and also clinic material would be provided for teaching veterinary medicine.

From the departments of education, which are already established in state universities, students could receive training in the principles and the psychology of teaching.

From time to time one hears the remark that if the Remount Service is transferred to the Department of Agriculture, with the possible assignment of stallions to state experiment stations, horses raised and sold by the colleges would jeopardize the demand for and sale value of those raised by professional and private breeders. This is very unlikely, because colleges would retain most of their colts for experimental and teaching purposes.

Is it not probable that transferring the Remount Breeding project to agricultural colleges would make possible the development of new curricula, one of which would furnish students who wish to become teachers of equitation with a thorough training, so that they could be certified as competent to enter the professional field?

Such a curriculum should be administered by a college of agriculture, rather than by a school of physical education. On its completion students would be qualified to teach beginning, intermediate and advanced equitation, and to manage a stable of horses kept for school or private use. Training and some experience would be provided in buying, judging, planning and organization of shows and pack rides, conditioning of horses, feeding, buying of feed, and care of feet, including the principles of shoeing.

The following subjects are essential to the development of this program: educational psychology, principles of education, practice teaching of equitation, (under competent supervision), principles of livestock feeding, principles of judging, stable management, and first aid.

Such a curriculum is possible within the limits of a four-year college course, and would allow the student to take, in addition, those subjects usually required for a bachelor's degree.

Surely if such a program became a reality, it would go far toward providing colleges and schools with trained and competent teachers, and it might also result in improvement in the care of horses and equipment used in summer camps and rental stables, thus providing the general riding public, who must depend upon such stables, with more sanitary and safer service.

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## Letter From Florida

**In Spite of Disappointing Early Form Calumet's Armed Still Should Have Much To Offer As Season Develops**

Tom Shehan

While the Calumet Farm's Armed hasn't succeeded in winning a race since early in December at Gulfstream Park and Ben and Jimmy Jones and Jockey Doug Dodson have expressed themselves as being dissatisfied with the Bull Lea gelding's performances, somehow I retain the impression that Armed is still far from all through as a race horse.

Take his race in the \$25,000 McLennan, for instance. Before he finally found racing room through the stretch, Armed was in every pocket on the track except mine. Yet he was only beaten two lengths for all the money in the very good time of 1:48 2-5, time which was only one fifth of a second slower than Brevity's track record for the mile and a furlong at Hialeah.

Consider, too, the fractional times of the McLennan, won by Dave Lamont's El Mono. The Circle M. Farm's Riskolater, a horse Trainer Bert Williams didn't think belonged in the race, nearly stole top money while spinning the first quarter in .23, the half in .46 3-5, the three quarters in 1:10 4-5, and the mile in 1:36. In spite of that sizzling early pace Riskolater hung on gamely under Ted Atkinson's handling and was only beaten a head by El Mono's late drive.

Personally, I thought Armed ran a good race. So did many others. I thought he did very well to finish as close after all the trouble he was in early.

Trainer Jimmy Jones' reply to that comment was that Armed didn't get into trouble when he was at his best. Jockey Doug Dodson's comment was, "He just didn't have any zip when I tried to make him run down the backstretch. I knew at the half-mile pole that we wouldn't get anything. He just didn't have it. I tried to heat some horses to the turn and maybe I should have eased up and tried to save ground. We ran into a little trouble at the head of the stretch when Respingo ducked in and then out again. I had to take up a little."

My reaction to the race was that Armed, getting older, is taking longer to reach a top effort. Furthermore, except for a brief rest after the Maryland fall season, Armed has been racing continuously for almost a year now. He doesn't seem to have that old will to work.

Two other Widener nominees were in action on the Valentine's Day program at Hialeah, King Ranch's Assault and the Maine Chance Farm's Star Pilot, but not in the McLennan Memorial. They made their appearance in the Minorca Purse, a seven furlongs allowance race which was the supplementary feature of the day. Assault turned up as the winner with a very good performance.

After the race I talked with Max Hirsch as he walked to the stable area behind the son of Bold Venture and his comment was, "Well, it was a satisfactory race. He gave a good

account of himself."

My impression was that Assault's victory was a very clever one. Warren Mehrten rode him and that boy sat perfectly still on the Bold Venture colt as he apparently rated himself and flashed up to win a head in front of Mrs. Helen Haggerty's game little race mare, Rampart, conqueror of Armed in the \$25,000 Gulfstream Park Handicap.

Prior to saddling her for the Minorca Trainer Whitey Nixon walked over to Assault's stall in the paddock, looked at him closely, shook his head, and said, "He looks great, but we're going to try him just the same." They did, but Assault was never in distress.

Not so Star Pilot, however. As Trainer Jimmy Smith pointed out when he arrived in Florida from Columbia, S. C. with Star Pilot the "Sickle—Floradora colt had been away from the races for almost two years and was still high in flesh. Star Pilot raced well while attempt-

ing to contest for the pace with Rampart, but he wasn't up to overpowering either Rampart or Assault.

Lord Boswell, another of the Maine Chance Farm's aces, is also at Hialeah, but according to Smith he isn't as far along as Star Pilot. "I'll just have to go a little slower with him," said Smith. "He's that kind of a horse."

From all indications both Star Pilot, who bowed shortly after finishing second to his stablemate,

Knockdown, in the 1946 Santa Anita Derby, and Lord Boswell will have to be considered in the handicap division this year. It is doubtful if either is a factor in any of the winter stakes, however, although Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, owner of the Maine Chance Farm cherished the fond hope that Lord Boswell would somehow get ready for the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby when she suggested to Trainer Smith that he ship them south to Miami from Columbia.

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# Wintering In Middleburg

(Photos by Darling)

Trainer J. T. Skinner's versatile training program is well illustrated as one sees the world's leading money winner; stakes winners, 'chasers and 2-year-olds, all beginning their early season's training together. No distinction is made as the various sets are lined up at the Blue Ridge Stables at Middleburg, Virginia.

Beginning Feb. 1, the horses were taken up, shod and clipped. With snow still on the ground, their training began. Very few days were lost due to weather and these days were marked off because of ice.

Of course, the highlight of the stable is Mrs. Ethel Jacobs' world's leading money winner. Stymie and Jockey T. Field go the turns of the field alone at the present time but will join the sets later.

An international note is added to the stable by Hirsh Jacobs' French-bred St. Lye and Sandilas, both of whom will start on the flat. From South America have come Rokeby Stables' Palichinela and Kabul, brush prospects which will have their first American track outings this year.

Among the stakes winners on the flat are Savahome Stable's Savahome and Eurasian, the latter having been returned to training after standing at stud last year at North Wales. Included in this band also are J. Dushock's Mahmoudess and Mrs. L. Rabinowitz' Reply Paid.

Ready to join the 'chasing stakes winners, Rokeby Stables' American Hay and Genancoke and Mrs. D. C. Clark, Jr.'s Trough Hill, are 8 eligibles for the coming maiden 'chases and hurdle stakes.



Stymie gets ready.



Trainer Skinner leads a set.



Shown at a walk.



A slow gallop.



Back to the stable.



Mrs. Jane Clark with Rebecca of Saddle Acres and foal Golden Amber.



An unconcerned pony with his youthful driver.

## An Experiment With Juniors In Maryland

Junior Horse and Pony Club Organized  
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Story and Photos by Cardell

Picturesque Harford County is the locale of Maryland's largest and most active group of junior equestrians, whose enthusiasm unquestionably is unequalled anywhere. Headquarters for the Forst Hill Chapter of the Harford County Junior Horse and Pony Club is located on the rolling farmlands of Saddle Acres Pony Farm.

The success and popularity of this highly regarded group centers around Mrs. Jane Clark, originator and co-organizer of the Junior Horse and Pony Club, which has grown to four chapters. In addition to turning a hand on her husband's dairy farm, she breeds and attends to foaling of Shetlands, schooling nearly 30 ponies last season; acts as club chairman and riding instructor, giving lessons in pony care, tacking, equitation, and stable routine to classes totaling an enrollment of 99 active students; takes part in weekly trail rides; shows her fine Shetland champion Silver Clipper of the famous King Larigo family, and his offspring, at local, county and state shows.

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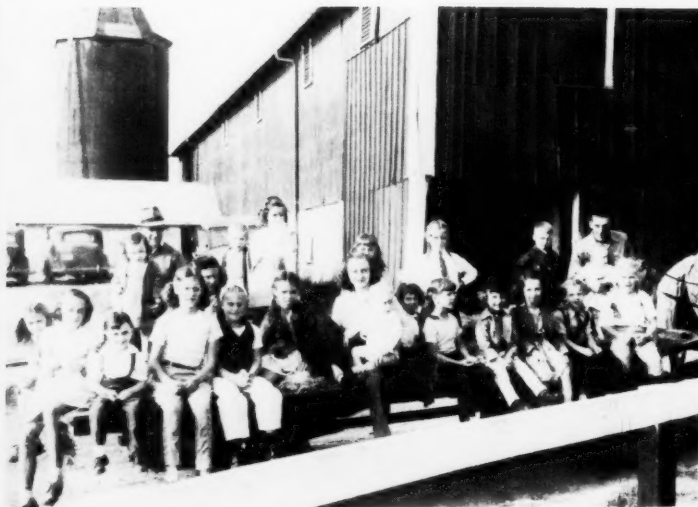
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## Thoroughbreds

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when they meet for the big one. Arcaro replaces Mehrrens and Snider takes over from Dodson. The latter took the mount on Incline. If a castoff horse from King Ranch, and a discarded jockey from Calumet could have beaten the big guns of both stables it would have made quite a story. But Incline finished 6th.

The separation of Dodson from the Calumet Stable had been in the making for some time. On several occasions, when Calumet has had more than one horse in a race, Snider has been the choice for the second string. Dodson's suspension after the Matron Stakes tossed Snider into the saddle for Citation's Futurity victory, and it was Snider who came on with Ferret when Armed failed in the muddy going of the Pimlico Special.

In Citation's first two starts, Armed was also a starter, with Dodson up, so there was Snider again on a couple of winners. The sum of all this was to convince the stable that Snider, a 28-year-old Canadian boy, knew the shortest way around a race track. Chances are that the McLennan Handicap was the clincher. Dodson said later that perhaps he was wrong to try to outrun his field with Armed in the scant furlong to the turn, and he got in some trouble trying to go between horses at the half-mile pole.

Ben Jones has been quite loyal to Dodson, saying that the mischance could have happened to anyone, and of course it could. But when Citation came out for the Everglades, Snider was the rider, and he was chosen again for Armed. Dodson, so the announcement said, "resigned." I do not know that this was his word; if so, he resigned from a job he didn't have, because he had no contract with Calumet—only a general understanding. The same is true for Snider, on whom the stable merely has first call. You don't have to tie a boy up very tightly when you have horses that can win \$1,400,000 a year.

## Letter From New York

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through the season. That makes it hard to find space for newcomers, for there has been an overflow as it is.

## Post Time

The New York tracks intend to apply to the Racing Commission for the same post times as those of a year ago. These are almost automatically called for because of the dependence on the Long Island Railroad for transportation. The latter has to get the race track job almost completed in time for the evening commuter rush, hence the early first posts—1:30 at Jamaica and Belmont, 1:15 at Aqueduct—despite the fact management would rather see them later for the convenience of patrons.

## Breeders' Notes

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you last week, we have tried that excellent game bird, the crow, in sundry dishes. We find it most palatable when basted with melted butter and sauterne, with lentils, onions, green ginger, bayleaves, cloves, cinnamon and sour cream added to taste. Up until your McLennan score on Valetine's Day you had earned \$33,570 in two years of effort and probably recognized as old friends everyone around your barn. Now since you have amassed \$65,900 more in a week's time, have you noticed that little man in the dark suit following you all over the place? He'll be shadowing you for a couple of weeks more. He is a Revenooer!

## FOREIGN INVASION

It may be a bit far fetched to be thinking about 1950 racing, but if plans go through an interesting development of a foreign invasion nature will occur then. We refer to the intention of Monsieur P. Boyriven, owner of the French Derby winner, Prince Chevalier, to send yearlings over here to Major Tom McCreery next year. It has been pretty well proved that race horses accustomed to turf courses need approximately 12 months to gain their best form on dirt tracks, so this idea of M. Boyriven's for his American racing division is clearly a sound and sensible one. It could easily be that they will be fifteen or twenty pounds better 2 and 3-year-olds because of their early development in the land where they will be asked to perform.

## NO SPLITS AT SANTA ANITA

Santa Anita officials are on record as stating that no stakes will be split into two divisions irregardless of the number of entries. There were seventeen starters in the February 14th San Antonio Handicap out there and as far as we can see the race was a true test in spite of the large field. The second high weight at 122 lbs., \*Talon, the Argentinian by Pantaloni—Guertaria by Maron, owned by R. N. Ryan, took down the big share of the \$50,000 added money plus entry fees from Double Jay, who was in receipt of 4 lbs. Top-weight in the field, On Trust, was 3rd.

## \*TALON GETS COOL RECEPTION

A story going the rounds is about \*Talon's reception to the land of us gringos when he arrived from South America. The gray handicapper star was accompanied on the plane by \*Battant, later to be sold to W-L Ranch and \*Plover, who went to the Montrose Stable. \*Talon was almost immediately sold to R. N. Ryan who turned him over to Senor Horatio Luro for care and conditioning, which by all appearances he needed after a hard campaign in the Argentine and the long plane trip. The Senor loaded him in a van and sent along a fat, good looking pony he had just bought. It so happened that the trainer was not present when the horses were unloaded at the stable. There was only one vacant stall and the help had fixed

it up belly deep with nice bright straw, clear water and luscious green hay. It took only the hastiest glance to tell the groom which was which. The gray was tied to the nearest and handiest place and the new pony, which was learning the story about Cinderella, was done up in bandages and a sheet and placed in the dark, cool stall. We have a friend who once was taken for Dillenger. He says he knows how \*Talon felt.

## PRECOCIOUS JUVENILES

Contrary to owners in other countries, the vast majority of Americans want colts and fillies that can be expected to be good 2-year-olds. With few exceptions, stallions who get precocious juveniles are in the greatest demand. From 29 registered foals of 1945, the black Balladier, by Black Toney—Blue Warbler by \*North Star 3rd, got 16 winners of twenty-nine races last year. This made him tops in the list of sires of 2-year-old winners. \*Beau Pere and Eight Thirty tied for second place with 14 winners each. As might be expected from the years and years of concentration on sprinting, our American sire lines are apt to be prominent in this category. The one exception of note is the Fair Play line through Man o'War whose annual crops never brought him close to the top of the list of leading sires of 2-year-olds.

## NORTH VS. SOUTH

Due to the prolonged, cold weather, horses wintered in Florida are going to steal a march over those in training in New York, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and the Carolinas this spring. As mentioned above, New York racing opens on April 1st and Maryland on March 29th at Bowie. It will be May before most horses other than Floridians can be got fit and ready, or so it seems.

## QUALITY AND QUANTITY

Thoughts of the Hancocks, William Woodward, the late Col. Bradley, the Whitneys, Louis Mayer, Elmendorf Farm, Coldstream Stud and Calumet, all breeders with large bands of broodmares, come uppermost in one's mind when considering the successful breeders. Quantity, as well as quality, is the shortest route to such fame. In a discussion of the best breeders, seldom are the names, Lewis Tutt, Crispin

## Junior Club

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to a minimum so that many a child who does not own a pony may learn the thrill of caring for and riding one.

Never heard to raise her voice to pony or child, Mrs. Clark is adored by children and their parents alike. When asked as to what she attributed her outstanding success, she smiled modestly and replied: "I've been a little too busy to ever stop and decide if I am a success or not at the thing I like best. I just treat everybody as natural as I know how."

Oglebay, or William duPont, Jr., mentioned, but these three men own only a few mares and produce horse for horse the larger number of high class foals. For some reason or other too, market breeders with annually large consignments are the ones with the high yearling averages.

## A SHORT STORY

In a 7-horse field some time ago were the following horses whose names, if said fast enough, tell quite a short story. Bonanza Lou, Asaider, Fast Talk, Under Cover, Third Avenue, Alimony.

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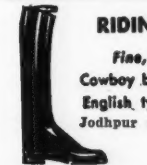
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## Beverly Hills Bows To San Mateo Team In Well Played Game

Tom Pilcher

The Beverly Hills Polo Club entertained "Concar" a foursome from San Mateo for a friendly match on Sunday, February 15, and the visitors proved too much to handle for the local team. The first chukker saw Tex Crites score quickly for the northerners, and another by Clarence Stark, a six goal player from Texas and a newcomer to Southern California polo, he is very accurate in his stick work, and was a very strong factor in the victory of his team. He was well backed up by Hershell Crites a 4 goal playing back. The 2nd period proved scoreless. The 3rd chukker, Beverly Hills got going and 2 goals were scored by Bullock and Fletcher, tying up the game by two goals to two at half time. The 4th period provided some faster polo, with Stark getting loose. He went down the field and shot for goal only missing by inches. In the 5th he tried again from a penalty and scored. On the throw in Stark picked up the ball and with some brilliant team work passed it to his number 2, Vic Graber, who quickly put it between the goal posts. The 6th saw the visitors score again, the game finishing in a victory by 5 goals to 2 in favor of "Concar". The men from San Mateo were always on top and played some good team work. For the losers Bullock played well, while Fletcher made some nice drives, but they seemed unable to seize the opportunities of scoring. Lineup.

### Concar

1. L. Smith
2. Vic Graber
3. Clarence Stark
- Back Hershell Crites

### Beverly Hills

1. C. Huthsing
2. Bobbie Fletcher
3. Alec Bullock
- Back Wayne Dallard
- Umpire William Branch.

## Bostwick Field Wins In Aiken Polo Game Over Buffalo Team

Pete Bostwick turned in one of the best games of his polo career in Aiken on February 15th as the Bostwick Field Team rode to an upset 11-8 victory over a Buffalo team headed by Seymour Knox.

Bostwick scored 8 goals and Terrence Preece added 3 more to sink the favored Buffalo outfit which was rated at 15 goals as compared to the Aikenites 12.

Knox stood out for the losers as he scored 4 goals. Louis Smith tallied once and Eddie O'Brien scored a pair.

Aiken will play a team of Chicanos in practice games Wednesday and Friday afternoons and will play a match against them Sunday. Lineup

### Bostwick Field 11

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|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Fred Timm             | 8  |
| 2. G. H. (Pete) Bostwick | 3  |
| 3. T. Q. Preece          | 11 |

### Buffalo 7

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|------------------|---|
| 1. Seymour Knox  | 4 |
| 2. Louis Smith   | 1 |
| 3. Eddie O'Brien | 2 |

## Old Timers and New Talent Add Interest To Camden Polo

The first of an extended series of Wednesday afternoon polo events was played Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18 at Kirkwood field, Camden. S. C., between Joe Williams' Free Booters and Ralph Little's Ramblers.

The game featured the return to the arena of Ralph Little, a hero of many years ago in Camden polo annals, Chris Greer, a Yankee who has a fine stable of bangtails in training in Camden, Ancrum Boykin, a heady and fast player of a few years ago, also new talent such

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are to be free of disease and up to their best. Mere ability to survive in a hostile environment is not enough. If it were, our greatest horses would be the wild scrub horses of the Southwest which are caught and canned for dog food.

Secondly, the writer believes that there are top hounds of every well known breed. The mere fact that intelligent people have persevered in their development almost guarantees this. Similarly there are useless hounds in all categories. Yet how profound and unreasonable are the prejudices on this point! Once at Bryn Mawr the writer left a ring where English type hounds were being judged, remarking that he wanted to see a certain class then due in the American ring. "Don't look at those wretched creatures", said a certain Mr. X, "they'll put your eye off!" Another time after a day's foxhunting with a neighbouring Virginia pack a visiting Master of a New England drag asked me what kind of hounds I had, and upon being informed that some were harriers the fellow said, "Why don't you get some good hounds." Shortly afterwards this man stated that that particular day was the first time in his life he had ever seen hounds hunt a fox! Although I have never

as Joe Williams, a brother of David Williams of Mulberry polo fame and Corky Little, a son of Ralph Little.

The Free Booters won the game 9 to 8 with Joe Williams scoring three goals, Steve Clyburn, 3; Luis Ramos 1 and Charley Sabin 2. The Ramblers found Ralph Little scoring 2, Greer 1, Anc Boykin 1, Lightfoot 2 and Ed Tejan 2.

happened to have anything to do with Welsh hounds, surely it is not true that the best of them are "only good for catching burrs" as a well known Virginia Master once quipped. Perhaps the most unreasonable prejudice ever heard, was when I tried tactfully to inquire of a Master why he kept and greatly admired a misshapen, mouthy, skirting, riotous brute in his rather wretched pack. The man replied, making gestures with his hands, that it was because of its long, thin, delicate stern.

For the rapidly thinning field which has persevered to this point on the page perhaps it is time to tell what the results have been in a rather inadvertent experiment of hunting for seven seasons a pack composed of half English Stud Book Harriers and half American Hounds.

On taking the Cobbler county I brought with me 10 couples of Harriers which I had been breeding and importing for some five years. They were the best that I could get and were from 9½ inches to 22 inches in height. The American hounds which we took over with the county were made up, for the most part, of draft hounds which in the immediate preceding years had been kept and hunted with little apparent system except economy. Therefore, about half of these were disposed of immediately and the rest gradually; as American hounds of our own breeding came on to replace them; so that by the end of the fourth season we had a really workmanlike pack of about 15 couples, one half home bred Americans and one half Harriers.

Luckily as foundation stock for our American Hounds we were able to obtain from the Orange County some of their older breed bitches in 1941 just before the war. These were sent to various Orange County stallion hounds. Middleburg's Big Trouble '38 was also utilized once

shortly before his death. From time to time unentered hounds drafted by the Orange County were obtained during these first four years as a temporary expedient to make up our shortage as we got rid of the original Americans. However, two couples of these hounds, Juggler '42, Moonstone '41, Juliet '41, and Martha '43 turned out in the end to be outstanding and were kept as long as they lasted. Two of them were used in our breeding program. No effort was made to cross the Harriers and the Americans. It was not our original idea to run an experiment. It was purely a matter of trying to build up a good working pack. To start with, the Harriers were practically the only reliable hounds we had, and good American bitches, even old ones, have never been obtained in quantity.

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## Notes From Great Britain

**Hounds Not Accounting For Large Numbers of Foxes They Used To Do In Many Of the English Countries**

by J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

One of the few hunting parsons left to us tells me that the College Valley in their wild, unstoppable Cheviot hill country, had killed 77 foxes before the middle of January. The total does not include cubbing, for the Northumbrian pack mentioned does little of that. With the exception of the Border and some other moorland packs (which, by the way, would not be looked at at Peterborough), few others during or since, the war have killed anything like the average number of foxes, either cubbing, or in the regular season. This too, notwithstanding the fact that expedients have been resorted to, which are distasteful to those concerned, and which would not have been tolerated aforesaid. There have been many discussions and many theories, as to why hounds have not accounted for their foxes in recent years. Amongst the views held by authorities are the following: Feeding on accepted lines has been impossible. "Foxes are killed in kennel", says an old saw. Restricted cubbing operations. "A pack is made or marred during the eight weeks before November dawn", is another bit of sound venatic wisdom. Reduced Hunt staffs and indifferent stopping, are two more explanations for foxes not being accounted for, whilst never a really good scenting season, together with operations ceasing two months earlier than usual, are two more theories advanced. Added to this is the destruction of many good coverts (ploughed by government order). This has caused foxes to be outliers, and those difficult to find.

This season, however, many packs have been running into their foxes in the open, and accounting for a greater total than for some years. Generally speaking foxes are well preserved in most countries, despite the "organised shoots" in certain areas, and the influence of "ant's" in others. Usually the fox "shoots" prove rather a fiasco, although within the last few days I heard of 10 being shot in a part of Yorkshire in which the fox at one time had a protective halo round his head. I am old enough to remember when the fox was held in such high esteem that he was the "aristocrat of the woodlands". Then it was almost a greater crime to shoot, trap, or poison one, than it was to murder your mother-in-law. Nevertheless, in those times, "when all the world was young and all the trees were green", there were not so many foxes about. Take for example the total bag for a few consecutive seasons in the Zetland country, in which foxhunting has always enjoyed such a high prestige with all classes from the period when the Duke of Cleveland included it in the far-flung Raby domains.

In 1867 Mr. Cradock took the country and got together 200 couples of hounds, out of which he selected 30 1-2 couple of old hounds and ten couple of young ones. In his first season he had five blank days, killed 6 brace of cubs and, in 52 days during the regular season, killed 8 brace. Next season killed 4 brace of cubs, and, during 54 days regular hunting, 6 brace of foxes. 1869: killed 4 brace of cubs and 5 brace of foxes. 1870: 13 1-2 couple of old and 15 1-2 young hounds; killed 8 1-2 brace cubs, 9 brace of foxes, there being no blank day. 1871: 10 brace cubs, 10 brace of foxes. Hunted sixty-three days of which one was blank. 1872: 3 1-2 brace cubs, 9 1-2 brace foxes. 1873: 11 1-2 brace cubs 14 1-2 brace foxes. Began this season to hunt 4 days a week, no blank day. 1874: 12 brace cubs, 14 1-2 brace of foxes. 19 1-2 brace run to ground. 1875: Forty-two couples of old and 15 1-2 couple of young hounds, killed 13 brace cubs and 23 1-2 brace of foxes. 27 1-2 brace to ground. The following season Lord Zetland became M. P. H., and gave his name to the pack.

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It may come as a surprise to some that the two breeds hunt together as a pack perfectly and it is impossible to say that they handle at all differently. This was not exactly true of the harriers during the first two seasons as during that time they tended not to spread out sufficiently when drawing, as they had been hunted in a very flat open country with small coverts, but by a certain amount of handling and ruthless culling they eventually came to draw as widely as one would desire. Both breeds hark to each other equally well. When racing on a breast high scent they carry nearly perfect head and there will appear no difference in their speed and endurance. On a day when scent is catchy some hounds of one breed or the other seem to have better noses than others but it is never a question of the Harriers or the Americans standing out as a breed. However, on a really cold line the Harrier will appear to have the more drive and being a seemingly "busier" hound will merely give out with a whimpering cry and rush on keeping his nose down all the while. He will never pause and lift his head with the look of a connoisseur over a glass of fine old brandy, and let go with a great full throated bay. This, however, is no advantage in the Harrier when hunting a rough country or large covert, for while they may enable him to get on with the line a little faster, and attract the hounds in his immediate vicinity, he is liable to be overlooked by the huntsman if he is at a distance, and by much of the pack if they are drawing wide. On a very cold line, or on a windy day in open fields when hounds are very much "down to their noses" I usually expect the harriers to make the pace, but on the other hand, when drawing a large woodland it is generally the deep voice of an American hound that attracts my attention, and draws the pack together. This to my mind is the main drawback to the use of the harrier as a foxhound.

On the other hand the Cobbler country is a good deal rougher than most American countries and about 30% of our hunting is what the English would call "woodland hunting". In the better, more open American countries this disadvantage would be at a minimum and possibly, in the course of time, could be bred out. When the pack is all together and running in full cry the Harriers' voices will, though higher pitched, much more nearly approach those of the Americans and be sufficient for all practical purposes.

The American Hounds seem to have a greater tendency to flash than the Harriers, and this is a fault I have occasionally noticed in some of the very best packs of American Hounds. Your Harrier will be silent immediately he overruns and if he does not pick it up very soon will stop and begin to cast himself. It should be noted here that the American Hounds seem to cast themselves a trifle wider which is often an advantage.

If two really good Harriers are suitably mated roughly 75% of their get will be usable for the most ex-

acting pack; whereas if you breed your best Americans of suitable bloodlines you are lucky indeed if 50% at the very best do not end up as drafts. Furthermore, the Harrier will make much better use of his feed, and pound for pound will keep fit and well on from 20% to 30% less. Rocky roads and long, hard days will give him less foot trouble. These advantages are probably transitory for it is my belief that the American Hound now being transformed into a highly bred animal from an animal that was supposed to thrive on neglect and abuse, will necessarily continue his amazing improvement as long as we have painstaking, conscientious, and careful breeders such as Mr. Harper and many others. Very slack loins and very bad feet, which used to be taken for granted, even on occasion pointed to with pride in American Hounds some years ago, now induce a raising of the eyebrows and a shaking of the head.

In the matter of drive, I must give these two breeds about equal marks, and both seem to negotiate woven wire fences, of which the Cobbler perhaps has more than its share, with equal facility.

American Hounds can be just as gay as the English type when kept healthy and fit and handled properly. An American pack going to the meet need not necessarily remind one of a band of condemned being driven to the execution ground by Cossacks; and a good taste of the lash need not send them into the nearest ditch to cover and shriek for the rest of the day. All this makes them much more amenable to discipline than many of their forebears, and there is no excuse for an American pack not to have as good manners as any.

It is perhaps very dull indeed of the writer to have led the few stubborn survivors of the field thus far and not have a gay and gory climax of odious comparisons. He will yield to no one in his admiration of the American Hound. Good Americans are top hounds now and the tremendous improvement in this breed during the last thirty years would certainly indicate that in another twenty or thirty years we will have a very nearly perfect hound for our purposes. The writer is also convinced that American Masters have almost entirely overlooked the modern big Stud Book Harrier as a foxhound which would suit many American countries almost to perfection. He has also often wondered if a pack of the right type of Harriers would not be what the masters of cross-bred packs are seeking without the disadvantages and problems inherent in crossing two separate breeds. In making the foregoing statement the writer does not mean the short legged frog-like type so dear to the hearts of some harrier men. Unfortunately, however, really good Harriers big and fast enough to use as foxhounds are now very difficult to obtain; probably even harder to get than good American hounds.

All the above should not be taken as having anything to do with the ancient and lamentable controversy of American hounds versus English foxhounds, as the above remarks deal with English Stud Book Harriers and Americans only.

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## Blue Ridge Hunt

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of the bowls which lured him up the mountain. For followers the hunt was definitely over, but not for the hounds. About eight o'clock they brought their fox back across the river and were still running hard something after ten. Just how this great hunt ended nobody knows. At any rate 11 out of the 12 couple were at the kennels early next morning.

The weather man has been exceptionally kind to the Blue Ridge Hunt this season. We had no snow of consequence until January 24th and then not enough to stop us. Two days after the hunt just described it was all gone. Scent has been exceptionally good. We have found many more reds and very few greys, which we hope indicates that the latter are now beginning a downward cycle. Hounds went out 22 times during the cubbing season and showed very fair sport in spite of dry conditions. The second week in October was quite exceptional hounds running hard on the 6th, 8th and 11th with an hour and a quarter on the first of these days, all that horses could stand so early in the season.

The regular season opened auspiciously with a fine hour and a half from the Long Branch woods and a fox that ran to Jack Prestage's, down the river to Swift Shoal and west to Rosney where he went to ground. Hounds went out eleven times in November, twelve in December. My diary shows several two and three star days, more particularly on Nov. 8th, 17th, 19th, and 27th and on Dec. 6th, 15th, and 20th. They include a very fast 40 minutes from the Whiting river bottom, up river to Bob Randolph's and back through the Vineyard Woods and to ground near where we found. There was an hour and a half with a fox from the Dove woods that led us at a good clip through Red Gate, Jack Prestage's, Montana Hall and Long Branch. Then there was another fine hunt of about the same time that started in Townsend Burwell's thickets and led through Clay Hill, the Meade

and Bowles bluegrass, Springsbury, Lands End and Shan Hill back nearly to where we found.

We were running our third fox of the day (the first two having both been put to ground) when the huntsman, Howard Gardner, was knocked off his horse by a member of the Field in a most unusual accident. Hounds ran on without help, however, to score the best hunt of the day, making two big circles in the Carter Hall country and finally going to ground in the Heartbreak Hill cave. Only the Master and Dick Dole got to the end. On Dec. 15th we had a fine hound hunt in the country between the Fox Spring Woods and Lands End and an even better one in the same district five days later. Lawyer, a first season hound, found a fox in the Meade Woods who ran to Shan Hill, circled once, took off for Lands End via Ellerslie and ran back to where we found—over two hours of the best. On this particular day hounds ran like smoke in covert, but could stay close to their fox in the open only by great perseverance and drive.

In most years in the Blue Ridge country, hounds get out more times in January than in any other month. In 1948, however, thanks first to rain and then to snow, eight fixtures were the best we could manage. We had a nice hunt on the 15th in the Island Farm district between Heartbreak Hill and the river. On the 21st we met at Rosemont, the home of U. S. Senator Harry Byrd and of his son and daughter, Beverley and Westy, both keen foxhunters. After a preliminary burst with a grey, we got up a red in the Annefield woods who first circled the entire estate and then ran for Pagebrook, a good hour and a quarter.

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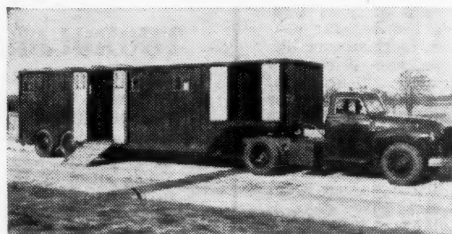
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# In the Country



## HORSES TO DOGS

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## TRAVELERS

Mr. and Mrs. William Cassell Hanson of Mt. Prospect Farm, Rockville, Maryland used their usual good judgment in leaving Maryland's old-time winter for warmer climate. They spent Christmas at Tucson, Arizona, from there to California and on to New Mexico before returning home. They are enthusiastic members of The Potomac Hunt, and are hoping to be back for the Potomac Hunter Trials.—A. B.

## UNCLE SAM SOLD

Mrs. W. G. Barrett of Eucalyptus Hill, San Mateo, Calif., has augmented her show stable with the 4-year-old from Martin Vogel, Jr.'s stable in Warrenton, Va. Uncle Sam, last year's 3-year-old champion of Virginia, was bought sight unseen after Mrs. Barrett read the ad in The Chronicle and she went by the picture which had also appeared in the paper. An added attraction was the fact that part of the colt's name was the same as Mrs. Barrett's son, Sam.

## MUNICH BOUND

Mrs. A. A. Frierson sailed Tuesday, February 17 for Europe where she will join Col. Frierson in Munich, Germany. Col. Frierson became a member of the U. S. Army Horse Show Team late last fall and was recently assigned a top German open jumper.

## LIGHTS ON

Mistakes are made and the other night The Chronicle office in Middleburg was closed for the day but the light was left on in the front office and the front door left unlocked. T. J. Macabe from Toronto, Canada was stopping overnight, on his way to Southern pines and with The Chronicle office apparently open, he made his visit. Finding no one, he left, returned later, left a note and closed the door. The note was found the next morning and so was Mr. Macabe. For once there was a person who wasn't in a hurry so it was up to watch the horses at Trainer J. T. Skinner's stable. In the first set watched were the stakes winner Eurasian; Hirsh Jacobs' Our John William, a 3-year-old dark brown colt by Bull Lea; Mrs. Stephen Clark, Jr.'s 2-year-old colt by Roman; Hekista, half-sister to the 'chasing stakes winner Genan-coke, (by Messenger—\*Makista) and Fifty-Fifty. When this set had finished, out came a good looking chestnut horse by Equestrian—Stop Watch. He had the field to himself and had Tommy Field keeping both eyes open. The going was a bit deep but Stymie, the leading money winner, paid no attention. In fact, he gave every indication that he would have liked another turn of the field. From one of the most discussed horses to the lead pony was next for Jockey Field as the newly arrived Havahome was given a couple of trips around the field with W. Brown up. The sets were finished but the van was due with three Mill River Stable 2-year-olds, one by Eight Thirty, one by \*Heliopolis and the other by \*Mahmoud. Incidentally, it was well into the afternoon when Mr. Macabe continued his trip to Southern Pines.

## MEADOW BROOK SNOW

Meadow Brook Hounds have been snowed in at Syosset, L. I. since the Saturday before Christmas. Spring fixtures are nearing but with still over a foot of snow and that frozen hard, the Meadow Brook hunter trials course looks very bleak and forbidding. Riders have until April to get their horses ready and perhaps the weather will break.

## LAND BOUGHT

The Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Association has been a very progressive one and this year it has kept up its good work. Recently the association purchased an 18-acre track along Route 100 at Ludwig's Corner, Chester County, Pa. and will soon be hard at work getting the grounds ready for their show in September.

## MY HOT TODDY

Morris Dixon is a busy one what with training stakes winners on the flat, steeplechasers and a young rider for the show ring. With Polyne-sian retired to stud, Trainer Dixon has another winner lined up this year in the 5-year-old mare by Swordsman—Little Betty, by Dick Fennell. The mare stands 14 hands and was purchased last fall at the Pimlico sales. Her rider this year in the show ring will be 8-year-old Sam Dixon and they will campaign in the Pennsylvania circuit.

## NEW BREECHES

Steeplechasing is just around the corner when another year rolls around and the most "retireingest rider" gets back into action and orders another pair of race breeches. After another "full" retirement last season, Emmett Roberts will face the starter again this year on Robert Grant's Sun Bath, winner of the Woodbine Autumn Steeplechase 'Cap and Chevy Chase Steeplechase 'Cap, the latter 'chase with E. Roberts up.

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Last August when 4 horses went to the post in the 40th running of the Saratoga 'Chase 'Cap, Miss Ella Widener's Iron Shot was attempting his 3rd victory in that event. Only 2 horses have won the Saratoga 'Chase 'Cap, St. Charlcote in 1917 and 1918 and Iron Shot in 1942 and 1943. Oddly enough, both horses won at the ages of 5 and 6. The 1947 running was won by T. T. Mott's Floating Isle with Iron Shot 1 1-2 lengths back but he pulled up lame. This was his last outing and he has been retired to Elmendorf Farm where he roams the fields with another retired gelding, Osmand. Now 24 years old, Osmand will be remembered when Earl Sande rode him down the stretch.

## NO HORSES

Mrs. Elizabeth Correll left Scarsdale, N. Y. to spend a month in the British West Indies and spent a month there without a sight of a horse. Her travelogue now includes a trip to Europe to see the pre-Olympic Horse Shows and plans for a May sailing date may be changed as the Nice and Rome shows will be held this spring. The caption under Lew Dunbar's picture in the February 6 issue of The Chronicle referred to E. A. Nicodemus as the owner but Mr. Nicodemus was Lew Dunbar's breeder. After Mrs. Correll bought the horse as a 4-year-old, she agreed to send him back to the farm when his showing days were over. She always refused to sell him and did not change after his retirement from the ring.

## 1820 HUNT MEETING

Hunt meetings are just a few weeks away on the calendar and publicity write ups have brought to light some copy which appeared in the Camden Courier on November 30, 1820. In that issue appeared the news item "The Camden races will commence on Wednesday, the 10th of January next, and continue for two days. Free for all horses, mares or geldings on the continent."

## TRAINER TO NEW JOB

Clay Sutphin, well-known as a capable conditioner around the racing circuit, has gone to Miami to take charge of the big Samuel D. Riddle string. He replaces George Gribbin who heads for a job in California.—M. H. C.

## Chronicle Quiz Answers

1. When a horse changes leads at a gallop.
2. East View Stakes, Empire City, New York; Grand Union Hotel Stakes, Saratoga, New York; Mayflower Stakes, Suffolk Downs, Mass.; Sanford Stakes, Saratoga, New York; United States Hotel Stakes, Saratoga, New York; Washington Park Futurity, Washington Park, Illinois.
3. A term used in the work horse trade to denote a small, blocky draft horse raised in the west.
3. a) Fine Harness, for American Saddle Horses with long manes and tails shown in a four-wheeled show wagon.  
b) Light harness.  
c) Heavy harness.
5. A horse is said to be banking his fences when he lands on top of a bank or double stone wall and jumps off again instead of jumping the whole fence clean.
6. A hound puppy is said to be at walk when he is being kept by an individual supporter of the hunt and allowed to run at large instead of being confined in the hunt kennels.

## Great Aunt Amelia

by AIDAN ROARK

I put the question very casually, as though it were a chance remark. "Are you missing the hunting in Ireland?" G. A. A. chuckled. "Don't be obvious," she said. "You can put up with me for a bit longer, and anyway I hear sport is very bad." She was fibbing about the sport because in the past two weeks she has taken four telegrams over the phone which said the Camolin Hounds were having a wonderful season. I know this for a fact because I wrote the message myself and bribed a girl to pretend they came through regular telegraphic channels. I was tempted to show G. A. A. up, but had I admitted the trick she'd stay an extra month, just from pure devilment.

G. A. A. says Santa Anita is the most beautiful and one of the best run tracks she has ever seen, but she can't understand why overnight races are restricted to twelve starters, while eighteen or more are permitted to run in the important big-money races. It seems to her that the top horses deserve at least equal treatment with the cheaper kind. A big field of horses running round the sharp turns of a mile track create all kinds of interference, and it is almost impossible to get a truly run race. G. A. A. believes that big 1 1/4-mile races should be split or run over a longer distance; at least 1 1/2 miles. In the latter case the horse that is off slowly or meets with bad racing luck has a real chance to make up the lost ground. Racing would be on firmer footing if everything possible was done to eliminate the element of luck. "Very helpful," murmured G. A. A., scanning the selections for the third race yesterday. A terse, illuminating hint followed the name of each horse. Here they are:—Give him another chance—Couldn't untrack last week—Needed only start here—Second to Warsick—Won by four in slop—Finally got over by a neck—Can improve Friday's race—Won this distance earlier—Came to life in mud—"What will you bet on?" I asked. "Can't make up my mind," she said. "Have you got a good old-fashioned pin?"



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